

Missionaries Plan European Program

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland (BP)—Principles of strategy for Southern Baptist missionaries in Europe were delineated by Winston C. Crawley, director of the overseas division of the denomination's Foreign Mission Board, in a meeting with the missionaries here.

Strategy is best developed by those closest to the situation, Crawley said of the more than 100 SBC missionaries in Europe.

The more distant, he said, the more the generalities. Crawley said Europe has so many people and cited the "secularity of Europe."

All of this, he said, "is overwhelming even to the casual visitor."

"Whatever part this group plays in evangelization of Europe, it will take all we can do — all anybody else can do and all who can be sent — to carry it to Europe."

Crawley said that perhaps the greatest contribution Southern Baptists could make might be in helping Baptists of Europe by contributing insights, inspirations, examples and vision.

"We may need guidance from our European Baptist brothers as to what we can do and how to help," Crawley said.

He outlined a vision of countless churches — where there are 10, there should be 100; where 100 should be 1,000; where 1,000, tens of thousands.

Crawley advised that church growth

shouldn't concentrate primarily on buildings — "not in the economy of today's world."

"To ever begin to touch massive populations, we must develop churches without the limitations of that pattern," he said.

"It doesn't take much planning to build a chicken house, but to build a 'spiritual cathedral' — that is worth all my time and planning."

How the vision of evangelizing Europe can be implemented is "probably beyond the decision of this group," Crawley noted, "but perhaps the vision itself can be implanted."

Crawley noted that 60 per cent of the ordained and religious workers of all denominations serve in the United States and 40 per cent of the rest of the world.

The meeting took place on the campus of the Baptist Seminary in Ruschlikon, with J. D. Hughey, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East, leading strategy sessions.

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5,000 From 54 Countries Attend Baptist World Youth Conference In Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. (RNS)—More than 5,000 Baptist youths, from 54 countries gathered here for the eighth Baptist World Youth Conference, under sponsorship of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA).

Theoretically, the meeting was for young people 16 to 25, but when they arrived, some turned out to be as young as 11 and others were over 80.

Of the total, 610 were from Europe, including several from the Communist countries of East Europe. The largest European delegations included 243 from West Germany and 147 from Sweden.

Mission boards in the United States

and Great Britain paid the way of many youth from overseas. And while here most of them stayed in the homes of Portland Baptists, saving money as well as getting a chance to see how Americans live. A few stayed at local colleges.

The delegates, hundreds of them in shorts in the summer weather, swayed hand in hand to stirring music or listened to Portland's mayor, who is Jewish, and other speakers, or filled the air with song, or laughed and wept as they watched drama.

Several hundred Portland residents attended the sessions, sending attendance well over the 6,000 mark for most meetings.

Karl-Heinz Walter of Hamburg, Germany, chairman of the BWA youth committee, asked the young people to give an offering for aid projects in Zaire and India. A total of more than \$5,000 was given, and it will be used for digging wells in Zaire and purchasing coconut trees for India.

BWA youth conferences have been held since 1931, but this was the first

one in the U.S. But whereas more than 80% of the delegates to the 1968 conference in Berne, Switzerland, were Americans, only about 70% of this year's participants were from the U.S.

"One major success in the conference," according to Mr. Walter, "was registering the strongest black delegation ever in a BWA meeting." Over a fifth of the delegates were black, and Theo Patnaik, BWA youth secretary and conference director, said all the major black Baptist groups were represented.

However, he reported that total registration was about 1,000 less than at the Berne conference. "The energy crisis at the first of the year halted attendance plans for many groups, especially those in the southern United States," he said. "Charter groups and youth fares were discontinued by many transportation companies when plans for the conference were being made."

While some 500 of the young people were singing "Make this world a better place" (Continued On Page 2)

Cooperative Gifts, SBC Show Gains

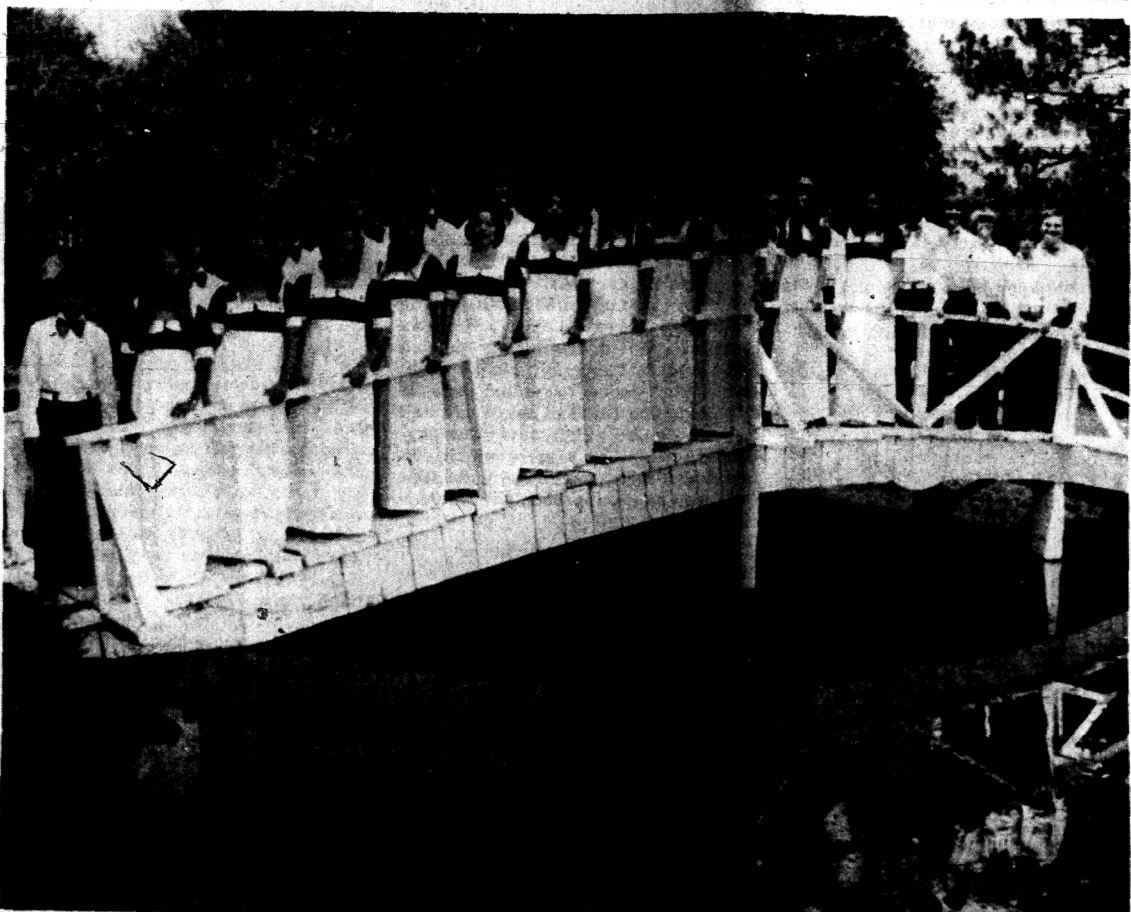
NASHVILLE (BP) — Giving through the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget continued to rise, registering a 12.99 per cent increase through the first 10 months of the 1973-74 fiscal year.

Cooperative Program funds flowing from contributions in SBC churches through state convention offices have totaled \$31,714,946, more than \$3,645,000 above the same period last year, according to John H. Williams, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer for the SBC Executive Committee.

In July, Williams said, Cooperative Program figures totaled \$2,944,777, which amounts to 9.49 per cent more than the \$2,689,628 received in July, 1973.

Gifts designated outside the Cooperative Program in July totaled \$735,534, 11.55 per cent over designations of \$659,405 last July.

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Hattiesburg Youth Choir Makes Florida Tour

The Youth Touring Choir of the South 28th Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, recently made a week's tour of Florida, presenting the musical, "A Celebration of Hope," on eight different occasions. Sight-seeing high-

lights of the tour were Disneyworld and Silver Springs. J. Allen Tyner is minister of music and Rev. Jim Nunnelee is pastor. (For other choir pictures turn to page six.)

Six Reach-Out Conventions Set For State

Six area "Reach-Out" Baptist conventions will be held in the state Oct. 7-9, according to Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson, director of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

Two separate faculties will provide leadership for Sunday School officers and teachers in these conventions.

All conventions will be from 8:30-9:15 p.m.

The schedule follows: Oct. 7 — Sardis Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Biloxi. (The Sardis convention was originally scheduled for Batesville.)

Oct. 8 — North Winona Baptist Church and Parkway Baptist Church, Natchez.

Oct. 9 — First Baptist Church, Pearl and Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson.

"HELLO BAPTISTS"

Growth Plan Introduced At Ridgecrest

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Some new ministries to aid Southern Baptists in growth, particularly in the area of Sunday School work, were introduced to the 2,416 conferees of the first Sunday School Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center this summer.

"Hello Baptists" is a new emphasis designed by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to locate and enlist nonresident Southern Baptist members in local churches.

According to figures releases here, 27% of the 12.3 million member Southern Baptist Convention are classified as nonresident members.

In an attempt to help new residents become active members of the local church, the "Hello Baptists" emphasis has been initiated as a cooperative effort of the home churches, where the nonresident holds membership, the local church, where the non-

resident member now lives, and the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The project is initiated by the Home church securing the address of a nonresident member, then selecting a local church in the new home town of the nonresident. This data is sent on a Hello Baptists information card directly to the local church which arranges to contact the new resident.

A Hello Baptists Desk will be maintained at the Sunday School Board to

coordinate information on nonresidents and match prospects to a local church when the home church cannot.

Also, conferees were told that only 47 million of the 210 million United States citizens are enrolled in any kind of Bible study. Over 7 million are in Southern Baptist Sunday Schools. Several ways of involving more people in Bible study were shared, including mission Vacation Bible Schools, Backyard Bible Clubs, Bible Study Fellowship and new Sunday Schools sponsored by a church in a community needing a mission.

Another session was devoted to the consideration of ministries of churches to exceptional persons, most often retarded, led by Doris Monroe of the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board.

Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, located 18 miles east of Asheville, N. C., is a year-round religious retreat owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Next Week CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ISSUE

The Sanctity Of Human Life

By Bob Adams, Associate Professor, Christian Social Ethics, New Orleans Baptist Seminary

(First In A Series of Five Articles)

Life may be precarious, but it is never cheap. Life began as a gift from God. "The Lord God formed man of the dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." (Gen. 2:7). Life is to be enjoyed in the presence of God with fellow humans. "The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone' (Gen. 2:18). True human community



began with three: God, man, and woman.

The Biblical view is that each person, each human being, is unique because he is a result of the creativity activity of these three: God, a man, and a woman. The uniqueness of each human being means that God values him beyond any price. No other is quite like him. The first destruction of human life was so terrible that God directly intervened. One terrible result of the spilling of human blood was the alienation of the killer from the rest of human society. This pain was almost too much for him to bear. The tragedy of the taking of human life, standing in the starkness of the opening chapters of the Bible, highlights its value and sanctity. God

was present first as Creator, then as Judge and Redeemer. In capsule form this is the story of human life. God is always present. Man is always responsible. Life is always unique, sacred, and shared.

Not only is each individual unique and priceless. Neither is it possible to place the value of one community or group of men above that of another. The Biblical account does not speak of the creation of a unique singularly blessed group of men, such as Hebrews, Greeks; white, black, rich, poor; intelligent, dumb. It speaks simply of the creation of man. "When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God" (Gen. 5:1). The Scriptures do not spell out in detail what the image of God in man means. However, it seems evident that a man's

those things which make up the image of God are the uniqueness of each individual, the gift of communication on deep and intimate levels, responsible action, and creativity. These reflections of God in man, the image of God, must be lived out in community. The story of man is the story of this living in community. Tragedies, triumphs, struggling forward and falling back — all done in the presence of God and in the company of fellows.

Later in the Biblical narrative, God calls into being a people. God created a community whose members would be mutually responsible not only for one another, but also for those not of the community. Rules were developed for the living of life (Continued On Page 3)

Ford Calls On Americans To Confirm Him 'By Your Prayers'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Acknowledging that he had not been elected by ballot, Gerald R. Ford asked the American people to confirm him as President "by your prayers."

The 38th President made the appeal after he was sworn-in as successor to Richard M. Nixon by Chief Justice Warren Burger.

Mr. Ford pledged an Administration based on truth, and he prayed that

the "higher power" whose nature is love, justice and mercy will "purge our hearts of suspicion and hate."

The new Chief Executive asked for the nation's prayers for himself as he takes the burdens of the Presidency and for prayers for Mr. Nixon and his family. "May our former President who brought peace to millions find it for himself," he said.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — Gerald Rudolph Ford took the oath of office in the White House at noon EDT on Aug. 9, becoming the 38th President of the United States. President Ford is a 61-year-old Episcopalian. He is married to the former Elizabeth Bloomer. The President and First Lady are shown in a November 1973 photo. — RNS Photo.

SBC Leaders Agree With Nixon Resignation; Register Sadness

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he can be constitutionally indicted and subsequently tried in the State," Gaddy said.

"As Mr. Nixon reflects upon the Watergate offenses," Hays told Baptist Press, "I hope he will be willing to assume responsibility for his part with a forthrightness and penitence he has not yet manifested. All of his fellow citizens should refrain, meanwhile, from harboring ill will toward him."

"We are a people with a strong faith and that faith throughout our history has been not only judgmental, it has been compassionate," said the former Democratic congressman from Arkansas, former special assistant to Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy and former assistant secretary of state.

"I trust that he and his family will depend on this quality in American life and that he and his friends will not be embittered," Hays said.

"A political officeholder," said Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., "should interrogate his own attitude about what is right and wrong. I think we have been living in a kind of climate that developed from a sort of existential theology which states that everything is relative — with no good and no bad — and now we need to return to some absolutes."

"For many years," Valentine said, "the nation heard from Mr. Nixon and his chosen associates a mind-

boggling barrage of talk for 'law and order,' against 'coddling of criminals' and in favor of character development for the poor, who were told to work hard, pay their own way and obey the law."

"Now we have the incredibly tragic spectacle of the final departure of the associates and now of Mr. Nixon himself in a disgrace of historic proportions that somehow touches us all." It is a time, he said, for mourning, repentance and beginning again.

"I think we ought to begin our own life with a sense of repentance, cleansing restoration and discipline, and that it ought to move up to the elected officers and into the political structure of our country," Weber said.

"I feel like there is hope for the nation as long as it turns to its spiritual heritage," Weber said. "The believer always has hope. In fact, he is the only one that does have hope in the final analysis."

Charles King, the SBC's second vice president and first black officer in its 129-year history, was "disappointed in Nixon's talk" — that he didn't "shoulder more of the responsibility" but wanted "to put it on Congress."

In mid June, after his election to the second vice presidency, King told a press conference in Dallas he would prefer George Wallace to Nixon because "at least black people know where Wallace stands. Wallace is a man of his word. I personally would like to see Nixon resign, but I believe

in due process of law."

About two months later, though, King, pastor of Corinthian Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky., is not seeking vengeance and favors immunity for the 37th president of the United States — a feeling shared by both Weber and Sims.

"A man who has been forced out of the biggest job in the world has been punished enough. I don't think we should bother about pursuing him any further — let him go," King told Baptist Press.

Asked what he, as a Christian, would advise Nixon, if he were in a position to do so, King said:

"Be a good Christian. Join a church. Get love in his heart and quit lying."

"Advice is cheap," responded Simms, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greer, S. C., "and I guess the cheapest kind is that which is unsought."

"But I would have the same feeling Billy Graham has. I've admired him in lots of ways and will continue to be his friend. I would talk in terms of the real joy that comes in Jesus Christ, that issues in a pure heart, that issues in clean hands and clean speech."

"I would probably talk in terms of squaring accounts with individuals who have been hurt. I think I would probably say a word about resisting the temptation to withdraw in bitterness."

"Without credibility or public trust,

1st, Long Beach, Dedicates Worship Center

First Church, Long Beach, dedicated its new worship center August 4. It brings what has actually been two churches into a solid unity for the first time. For the past five and a half years, Dr. Gail DeBord has been moving toward the unification of the church. Sunday morning was a moving experience as the people gathered for the first time in the new auditorium and were able as one body to worship together.

The sanctuary will seat approximately 1,000 and yet the most distant person is but 75 feet from the pulpit. "The entire church was built around the concept of the New Testament church," states Dr. DeBord. "Every aspect of the building, and its provisions for worship, were conceived as a result of a close study of the purpose of the church as described in the Scriptures. Its structure seeks to promote worship, proclamation of the Word, teaching of disciples, fellowship, and the development of Christians who will in turn go out to meet human needs."

The seating features a bowl-shaped arrangement of solid oak pews, complemented by pulpit furniture designed by the pastor. The Communion Table is an 8 foot table with no lettering to be a distraction to the worshiper. The sound system is one of the most elaborate to be found in a church. It has a sound equalization device to balance the sound for every seat in the sanctuary. Special care was taken not to have any lights in the sight line of the worshiper. The congregation has total indirect lighting. There are not outside windows to the building. Outside distractions are, therefore, almost completely deleted and avoided. The only outside light comes from above, to remind the worshiper of the Light of the World and to intensify the pulpit area. The skylight is topped by a spire which culminates in a cross designed to be seen from any angle approaching the church.

For the sake of youth concerts and dramatic productions, a stage area of 20' by 40' with multiple outlets for microphones and complete colored stage lighting is provided. Enhancing such events and choral presentations is an acoustically designed building which may function without a sound system if that were necessary.

The front wall of the worship center

no one can serve as president of the United States, said Wood. "The real test, of course, is not the resignation of the president of the United States, as unprecedented as that is, but it is the chain of events which precipitated and made inevitable such action."

"While all of us Americans are deeply saddened by the circumstances that brought about the events themselves, we may be heartened by the triumph of the principle that no man is above the law," Wood declared.

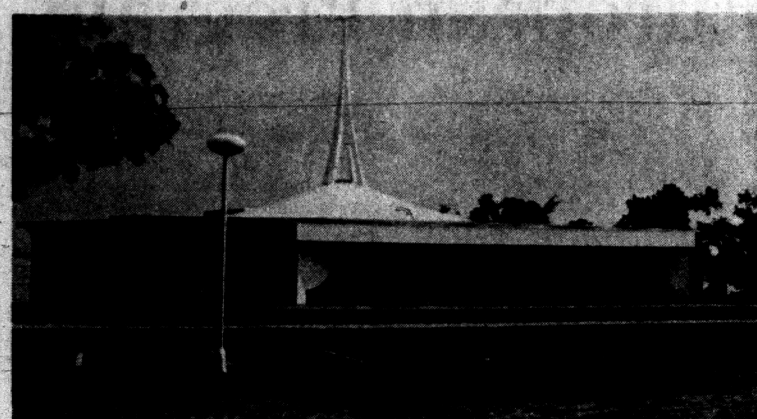
Hays noted, "His resignation was most certainly not the result of a vendetta by his political enemies or the media. The pressure of public sentiment and his own party leaders 'made the action inevitable,' he said.

Langley added, "History... will give Richard Nixon and his administration high marks for certain achievements in foreign affairs. But the events that led to President Nixon's resignation have sickened and depressed the nation."

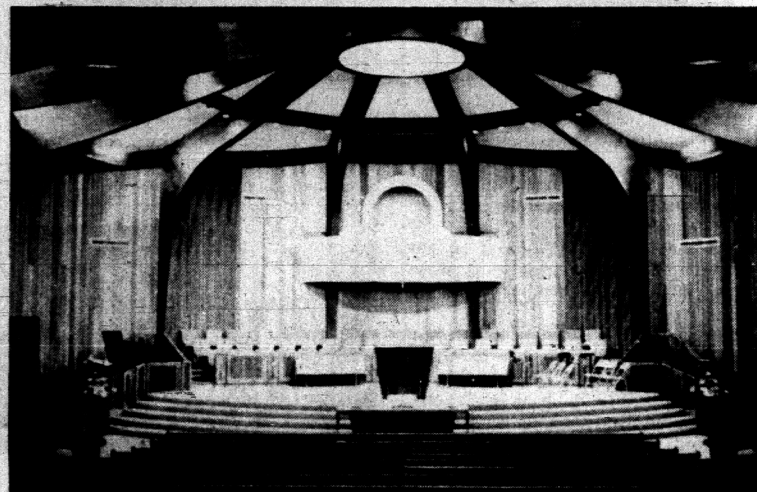
"In the midst of these deplorable events, it is greatly encouraging that our Constitution is alive and well. Watergate is a signal that there is no substitute for integrity — and it is a warning not only to politicians but to all of us that the welfare of our land and world demands justice, mercy and walking humbly with God," Langley said.

Wood noted that Americans, as never before, must dedicate themselves to integrity in government, "including campaign reform and a just society of law in which human values and human rights are primary concerns of the political process."

Simms, in looking at the next steps the U. S. should take, urged campaign finance reform, "insulation of the FBI and Internal Revenue Service from executive or any other manipulation," strong ethics legislation and doing away with taping of White House conversations to preserve the confidentiality of those who confer with the President. (BP)



First, Long Beach, dedicated its new worship center on August 4. The front wall is artistic faceted glass.



The seating features a bowl-shaped arrangement of solid oak pews. There are no outside windows; the light comes from a skylight topped by a spire.

is artistic faceted glass. The glass segments are cut and placed in designs consistent with a concept developed after discussion of the theological standing of the church. Two similar glass panels on the interior of the sanctuary describe elements of the faith, such as the elements of the Lord's Supper, the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit, the Fish, and the Crucifixion.

The architect for the building was Milton Hill of Gulfport and the General Contractor was W.M. Craig of Gulfport. Cost of the project was well over half a million dollars.

Designed and built for this church was a baptistry which extends out into the congregation area over the choir loft. Exposed beams, rich walnut stained woods, a white ceiling, and a coral colored carpet harmonize to make one of the most beautiful buildings on the coast.

Special services will be held the entire month of August in celebration of the opening of the building.

Randal Veazey, concert soloist, presented a Sermon in Song on August 11 at 10:30 a.m. The youth musical production "JOY" was presented during the evening service of the 11th



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and was repeated Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Dr. Herschell Hobbs will deliver the morning message August 18, and Dr. R. G. Lee will preach the first revival services Aug. 25-28. The public is invited to all of the services.

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ter place" in an impromptu gathering outside the Memorial Coliseum, about 10 adherents of the Hare Krishna (Hindu) faith a few feet away were chanting "Hare Krishna," dancing and ringing bells seeking to convert some of the young Baptists.

"Krishna is God," said one young missionary, wearing the pigtail and flowing saffron robe of the Krishna sect.

"I know only one God," answered a Baptist youth.

Among performers was Denise Johnson, folk-rock soloist with the young World Singers of Sydney, Australia. She sang "No Greater Love" and "Amazing Grace" as part of the Friday evening program.

It is hard to make long trips, she said, because most of the members of her group have jobs. Nevertheless, she planned to spend four weeks touring North America with other members of the Australian delegation.

Then after a five-day break at home, she will visit Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok and Manila with the Young World Singers.

All the members of the group are

Christians," Miss Johnson said. "We sing mostly religious music in our program and also do Christian musicals."

The group has recorded nine albums. She is the featured soloist in three of them.

Among other performers were Louise Rose, professional musician from Pennsylvania, who sang contemporary music.

Ken Medema, a blind pianist who writes and sings his own songs, also performed.

"Today's music styles, so vital and energetic, create a language well suited for telling people about new life, new hope and new joy," he declared. Ingemar Olsson, a Swedish musician who coordinated the European presentation, sang and accompanied himself on the guitar.

Indonesian delegates put on a folk dance which interpreted the biblical story of David and Goliath.

Don Kim of Los Angeles told the Baptist youth that more than 5,000 Koreans are Christians and this means that "one out of every six Koreans is now a professing Christian."

When the first Christian missionary, a

Scotsman, tried to go to Korea 90 years ago he was slain before he could even reach dry land, Mr. Kim said.

An African, Masamba Ma Mpolo, vice dean at the University Nationale de Zaire in Kinshasa, said most westerners do not understand witchcraft, in which people seek to use evil to influence others.

Although he has a doctorate in counseling, he said it was necessary "to go beyond psychology when trying to help people through their problems."

"We forget that Jesus used symbols when he taught. We need to do that, too," he said.

"Sometimes the laying on of hands helps a person feel that others around him care. We often pray for long periods of time and afterward the troubled person will take off the symbol of sorcery which he may be wearing around his neck and throw it as far as he can. In this symbolic way, he is throwing away the object that represents a curse another person has held over him."

He said that he tries to introduce people to a new power in Christ, and he has seen this work in many lives.

Dr. Robert S. Denny of Washington, D. C., BWA general secretary, told the youth that they are "tomorrow's world in all fields of endeavor."

Dr. V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, BWA president, said Jesus' disciples were young. And he declared, "More and more we are seeing young people brought into leadership positions in the BWA."

One of the principal addresses was given by the Rev. Roger Velesquez Valle, minister of the First Baptist church of San Salvador, El Salvador. Commenting that neither technology nor material goods are bad in themselves, he said, "The problem lies within man's heart."

"We Christians are the only people on this planet with a firm hope," he said. "Not the common hope for which people in general live, within the daily routine. We should be known as the people of hope, the people who possess the confidence in a mighty God who will make all things new, the people that work hard no matter which system, because one day there will be peace and justice in a belligerent and unjust world."



Two pretty and petite young misses display a cheery smile and Portland, Oregon's "Thanks" to the more than 5,000 8th Baptist Youth World Conference delegates, which met in the city July 31 - Aug. 4, 1974.—BWA Youth Conference Photo by Larry C. Baker



Young people from various nations swapped gifts at the International Market Place during the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference in Portland, Ore. Richard postcards, posters, flags and souvenirs bawbles were common trade items. Delegates agreed, however, that the best trade of the event was friendship.—BWA Youth Conference Photo by Stanton H. Nash II



"Can you read the schedule?" One young international participant in the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference appears to be asking his friend.—BWA Youth Conference Photo by Stanton H. Nash II

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In his talk following the brief ceremony, the new President said he will always "do what is right as God gives me to see the right."

He pledged "uninterrupted and sincere search for peace" and declared that "truth is the glue that holds government together."

Mrs. Ford, the former Elizabeth Bloomer, stood with her husband as Chief Justice Burger administered the oath of office. The couple's four children were in the audience.

Mr. Ford's references to God and the strength of prayer were not unexpected. The new President is a man who makes no secret of his personal faith; at the same time, friends say, he never "wears his religion on his sleeve."

The Ford family is known in Washington and Grand Rapids, Mich., its home town, for its simple, religious life.

In religion as in politics, Mr. Ford, an Episcopal layman, tends to be conservative. He is a traditionalist with strong commitment to the family, patriotism and hard work.

Michael Ford, the President's oldest son, and his wife, Gayle Ann, are both divinity students at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, a conservative evangelical school in South Hamilton, Mass.

Serving as Vice-President during the difficult months in which the Watergate crisis reached its climax, Mr. Ford nonetheless continued to speak in positive terms about the nation and its future.

"The faith of our fathers is alive and well," he told a Congressional Prayer Breakfast last January, "and that means that our society is and will continue to be well and alive."

Addressing a Southern Baptist gathering in June, Mr. Ford urged laymen to become involved in Christian work in order to generate "a healing spirit of love, cooperation and understanding that can sweep the nation out of the depressive condition that afflicts too many of our fellow citizens."

What is wrong with America, he said at a National Conference of Christians and Jews meeting, also in June, is "negative thinking" preached by "prophets of gloom and doom."



The youth choir of the California State Baptist Convention sings during the Wednesday night plenary session of the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference in the Portland, Ore. Memorial Coliseum. Black representation at the conference was said to be about 20 percent of the more than 5,000 delegates.—BWA Youth Conference Photo by John Wilkes Jr.

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in community. Basic among these are the Ten Commandments. Jesus' sermon on the Mount summarizes behavior patterns for his disciples. One of their purposes was to guarantee the freedom and dignity of each person whose life was touched by the community. They included every area and aspect of life. This must be so because all of life is lived in the presence of God. There were those, widows, orphans, and strangers, who did not have a place of protection in the extended families that made up the community. In their cases, God himself intervened to provide the protection and help needed. Thus there was no human being who was left defenseless or helpless. Every life was sacred. The thrust of Mosaic legislation, never repudiated by Jesus, guaranteed the sacredness of every area of life, as man related to God and his fellow man in extended relationships. Life was holy and sacred because God was holy and his people were to be like him (Lev. 19:1). The prophet's cry was to return to faithful community under God, leaving out no member and guaranteeing to each his relationship to fellow

man and to God. Other writings in the Old Testament reflect this mutual ethical responsibility, as man communed and communicated with God and fellow man.

God's Rules Misused

The New Testament opens with a call to repentance, faith, and new community. God's rules and goals for man had been misused and abused. It was time once more for each unique human being to stand before God and be responsible for his actions and then enter into the mutual relationship of a new community (Matt. 3:10). Each person, unique in his possibilities, was invited to become one of the building blocks in this new community. Basic commitment was to the redemptive activity of God in the person of Jesus, who was the foundation stone and at the same time builder of the new community. This Jesus incarnated the attitude and mind of God toward each individual. Jesus refused to accept the hierarchical categorizing of men in a value system that would not allow each individual to be unique either in his relationship to God or in his possible relationships to fellow man. Jesus lifted this burden from the shoulders of every per-

son who would come under his touch. One of the charges frequently laid on him was that he fellowshiped with, ate with, and enjoyed the presence of those whom other members of society looked down on. Jesus saw in each of these outcasts the image of God, and related to them. Jesus saw the purpose of Mosaic legislation as being not a burden to be added to man, but rather a liberating force within community. Jesus internalized the purpose of Mosaic legislation, and showed what it meant to have a heart that is right with God, and therefore true to the deepest purpose of man's creation. In the presence of Jesus, every man could become a responsible, communicating, unique, and creative being in God's presence. Jesus wept at the self-isolation of individuals and groups who would not accept the liberation of full humanity that he offered.

Those who followed Jesus discovered and rediscovered the great purposes that God had for each man as he came into this new community. Man, in pride and sinfulness, had carefully raised walls of separation that kept him from seeing the humanity and uniqueness of his neighbor. Jesus came breaking down the dividing walls of hostility, reconciling all men who will to God in one body. Hostility is brought to an end in Jesus, and true community again becomes possible. In this common ground before the cross there is "no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon Him" (Rom. 10:12). The old divisions have been abolished, and each individual human life is seen in all its sacredness before its Creator and in the presence of its fellows.

'Cannot Show Partiality'

The liberating good news in Jesus Christ sees the distinctions that men have made among themselves, but refuses to accept them as normative. The practical and vital outworking of this new perspective, which is as old as the creative purpose of God, is seen in such writings as the Letter of James. As we hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, we cannot show partiality (James 2:1,2). His gospel is at once realistic and idealistic. It sees things as they actually are, without distortion or blinders. But it refuses to accept things as they are as being the ultimately real. God's purposes point to the ultimate reality.

The gospel is God's means by which man reaches toward that ultimate reality. This is liberation in its truest sense.

But we are not yet completely liberated. Every day problems confront us, just as they confronted Jesus and his followers and just as before him they confronted the people of God. We, as they, stand in the presence and under the judgment of God. We count on his help. Never have man's responsibilities been heavier than they are at this time. Technological and scientific advances have made possible a greater creativity on the part of man. But this very creativity may be destructive. Old problems come before us once more with multiplied force.

Just as in the Genesis account, man is often tempted to an upward fall. He wants to play God, but only God is God. This temptation is ever stronger today, as life forces and sciences themselves — genes, chromosomes, genetic engineering, perhaps ultimately human cloning — yield to careful investigative and research techniques. At the other end of life's spectrum, easy, economical, and painless death plays a siren tune in the overcrowded geriatric wards and rest homes that dot the landscape. As life becomes less precarious, it seems to cheapen.

Some Shrink From Possibilities

Some shrink from these possibilities and refuse to accept responsible decisions that advanced technology thrusts at them. They are tempted also, not to be God, but to be less than man. The Biblical idea sometimes called "the brother's keeper" is better expressed "the brother's brother." It begins with mutual responsibility and caring, carried out in the context of possibilities that exist.

The Biblical doctrine and perspective on the sacredness of human life bears acutely on some of the issues that face us today. In four succeeding articles, issues that relate to the sacredness of life will be treated. These are abortion, capital punishment, amnesty, and euthanasia. As man under God becomes increasingly responsible for decisions in these areas, he needs all of the light that can be shed on them. Therefore the Scriptures will be searched for what they say, what orientation they give, and what goals they set forth in these crucial issues.

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Among The Fishing Boats

KODIAK ISLAND, Alaska — Southern Baptists are locating home missionaries in geographic extremes — from the most isolated areas of the nation to the vast metropolitan conglomerates. The Rev. Ray Husted ministers in one of the most isolated — Kodiak Island where "discouragement creeps in like bone-chilling fog and rain, dampening the spirits."

A small but important fishing village of 9,000, Kodiak is reached only by air — weather permitting — and twice weekly by ferry. But Mr. Husted, a Texan, is happy there and has no desire to leave. His congrega-

tion is made up of some Navy people and a smaller Coast Guard contingent — and the fishing fleet families.

Fishing is vital to Kodiak. The island, best known for its huge Kodiak bears, is also famous for its shrimp and king crab. The fishing fleet families are Mr. Husted's greatest concern. He lives among them, provides spiritual guidance to the seamen and to their families who are often alone while the men are out to sea. He is often down on the wharves — as he is shown here at left — visiting with the fishermen, sharing their problems. (RNS Photo by Don Rutledge)

Pastor-Song Leader Retreats Are Scheduled For September

Scheduled for two areas of the state in September are two pastor - song leader retreats. These will be pastors, song leaders, and other music workers in the churches.

The dates are September 6 and 7 at McArthur Church, Pascagoula, and September 20 and 21 at Saltillo Church, Saltillo. The retreats will begin with supper at the church at 6:30 Friday evening and will conclude with lunch on Saturday.

According to Dan C. Hall, director, Church Music Department, MBCB, "It will be a 'corn bread and peas' approach designed to give valuable assistance to leaders of smaller churches — Churches with volunteer music directors with little or no training. Testimonies from those who attended such events last year indicate they were the most practical meetings they had ever attended."

"The enrolment is limited to the first forty who sign up," he continues. "It is most important, though not required, that both pastor and song leader attend. Accompanists and choir members would also benefit from these retreats."

"The cost per person is \$5, payable

at the retreat, which covers two meals and materials. Motel costs will be in addition to this. We suggest your church pay this cost and thus invest in a better ministry."

Some subjects to be considered at the retreats are these: "How Not to Have a Church Service" (a skit); Planning Church Services; An Introduction to Choir Singing Through Tape Ministry; How to Bring Alive the Church Services; Experimental Worship; Some Do's and Don'ts in Public Worship; An Introduction to the Autoharp; How to Begin a Simplified Music Program; Financing the Music Program, and others.

High blood pressure is a major factor in heart attack and stroke. But many people don't know they have it because they haven't had a medical checkup.



Petal-Harvey Mini-Bus Serves Elderly

Petal-Harvey Church of Petal is proud of its new minibus and the added service it allows the church to offer the elderly of the area. The 12-seat bus is used from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. five days a week to carry folks who have no other means of transportation on round trips to a variety of destinations. It will take people to get groceries, to visit their doctors, or to other similar places.

The Mini-Bus service is a home mission project of the Woman's Missionary Union. The WMU provides a driver and a helper for all trips. There is no charge for the service. Rev. Jerry Henderson is pastor of the church. Shown with the 12-passenger minibus are, from left: Mrs. Imogene Vogel, Mrs. Ann Runnels, Miss Lillian Mangum, Mrs. Nina Clearman, Mrs. Betty Clark, Mrs. Mary Rose Prestridge, Mrs. Verna Lois Lynch and Mrs. Carolyn Robinson.

Tanner To Speak At MC Summer Commencement

Dr. William G. Tanner, president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Oklahoma, will be the featured speaker at the summer commencement exercises of Mississippi College scheduled for Friday, August 16, at 3 p.m. in Jackson City Auditorium.

Dr. Tanner will be addressing one of the largest summer classes in Mississippi College history, with 217 individuals receiving degrees. Of this number, 82 will be awarded the bachelor's degree, while 135 will receive the master's degree.

Conferring the awards will be Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college, assisted by Dr. Charles E. Martin, vice-president for academic affairs.

Dr. Tanner is a former Mississippian, having served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gulfport from 1963 through 1968. He left Gulfport to become president of Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Belton, Texas, where he remained until assuming the top administrative post at OBU in August, 1971.

Cutting out cigarettes is one way to reduce your risk of heart attack and stroke. Ask your Heart Association about the other ways you can protect yourself.

Baptist Board Consultant Paul Jones Dies

Paul Jones, 32, an employee of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville since 1968, died August 9 following an apparent heart attack suffered in the Van Ness auditorium as the agency's weekly chapel program was about to begin.

An editor in the preschool section of the Sunday School and Church Training departments, Jones recently had been transferred to a position as consultant in the same section.

A native Mississippian, he was a graduate of William Carey College, and of New Orleans Seminary, where he received the M.R.E. degree. Funeral services were held August 12 from West Laurel Church, Laurel, Ms. Rev. James McCall and Rev. D. J. Benson officiated. Burial was in Hickory Grove cemetery.

Prior to employment at the board, Jones was minister of education and youth at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. He served in similar positions at First Church, Soso, and at First Church, Bay St. Louis. He had worked on the staff of Gulfshore Assembly.

He was a member of the Southern Association of Children Under Six, the Mississippi Pre-School Association, and the Mississippi Religious Education Association.

Jones was included in the 1973 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America* and had been recognized by the Metropolitan Public School System of Nashville for his volunteer work with children. He had also been a volunteer worker at the Tennessee School for the Blind.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones, Laurel; two sisters, Mrs. Bobby Williams, Oakdale, La., and Mrs. Robert Kidd Jr., Laurel; his grandmother, Mrs. C. G. Jones, State Line.

Aug. 18 Homecoming At Rock Bluff

Homecoming will be observed at Rock Bluff, Smith County, on August 18.

Rev. Eugene I. Farr, a former pastor at Rock Bluff, will speak at the 10:45 a.m. service.

Following dinner on the grounds, there will be an afternoon of singing and fellowship. Special music will be presented by The Gospel Tones, The Centrals, The Childress Twins, and others.

The public is invited. Former members have a special invitation, according to the pastor, Rev. Kenneth West.

To Preach At Daniel On 84th Birthday

Dr. W. R. Haynie, retired Baptist minister and a faithful member of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, for a good many years, will fill the pulpit on Sunday morning, celebrating his 84th birthday.

Dr. Haynie retired after a ministry of 46 years, 25 in pastorates in Louisiana. His first pastorate was First Church, Glenmora, Louisiana and his last, First Church, Gretna, Louisiana, where he served for 20 years. He also served churches in Missouri, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

Dr. Haynie's children plan to be present for the service. Each has in the past served in a vital capacity in Daniel Church. Bill served as minister of music; Lowrey served as minister of education and music; Myrtis (Mrs. Wayne Todd), former pastor's wife; Gloria (Mrs. Ben F. Bullock) served as organist; Bobbie (Mrs. Robert King) served as teacher, assistant organist, and wife of former deacon of the church.

"We urge our membership to make a special effort to be present in order that this may be a very significant day, first for Christ, and second, for Dr. Haynie who has served our Lord faithfully as a pastor for so many years," states Rev. Byron Malone, pastor.

Cooperative Gifts

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For the year to date, designated receipts have totaled \$31,939,747 — almost the same as the Cooperative Program figure. That's a 13.18 per cent increase over \$28,219,785 designated at the same point last year.

The largest portion of the designated receipts is reflected in increases in both the SBC's special missions offerings for work of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions increased 13.08 per cent. It has received \$21,980,236 to date, compared to \$19,445,037 last year, Williams said. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions increased 17.21 per cent, rising from \$6,473,019 at this point last year to \$7,587,050 this year.

Jackson Pastor To Be Speaker At Mid-America

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Dr. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., will be a featured speaker at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary's Founders Days, August 19-21.

Other speakers for the event, which marks the opening of the Seminary's third year, include: Dr. Robert G. Lee of Memphis, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church; Rev. Don Moore of Fort Smith, Ark., pastor of Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith; and Dr. Russell Clearman, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.

The theme of the conference will be "The Holy Spirit." Music will be under the direction of Dr. Robert Farrington, who is Director of Choral Activities at Louisiana Tech University.

The Convention President Speaks

Over the nearly two years I have been writing this column, I have made reference to some of my preacher friends from time to time. I have more than one reason for this. One is, I like to refer to friends. The second reason is because I think they are due credit for work where they are. My third reason is to speak a word of encouragement to others. By this last statement, I mean there are many wonderful, faithful, dedicated people in the Lord's work I do not know and neither do others, but they are out there and what I say could equally apply to those I do not know.

August 4-9 it was my privilege to be at Naxapater, Mississippi, in a revival with one of the most dedicated and consecrated men of God I know anything about. He also has one of the finest families I have ever laid my eyes upon. I know of no people I love and appreciate any more than the Rev. Gowan Ellis and his family. I worked with him two years ago while he was in Sherman as pastor.

This man has not gained fame for the committees on which he has served nor the offices held. The number of people in our state who know him personally would be small compared to some other people. But believe you me it is obvious that our Lord has His hand upon him. He is doing a great job in a wonderful spirit. He is a good preacher, a great pastor, a wonderful family man, and a true friend. I just wish I had the knowledge, space, and time to write about all who are like him. — David Grant.

Homecoming Set For Hathorn Church

Homecoming will be observed at Hathorn Church in Jefferson Davis Association Sunday, August 18, with dinner on the grounds following morning worship. Then following lunch, an afternoon service will begin at 1:30. There will be no night service on Sunday.

Revival will begin that same day and run through August 23. (See "Revival Dates.")

A special invitation is extended to all former members, pastors and acquaintances to attend the homecoming services, as well as the week night services.

Rev. E. Lewis Crenshaw is pastor.

Calvary Calls

Florida Pastor

Rev. Robert J. Sanderson has accepted the pastorate of Calvary church, Waynesboro, and has moved on the field.

Before coming back to the state he was pastor of the Riverview Church, Jacksonville, Florida. He served as contract professor of Old Testament at Luther Rice Seminary and taught in the Stetson Extension Center of Deland. He has also pastored churches in Louisiana and Georgia.

Mr. Sanderson graduated from Poplarville High School, Clarke College, and Mississippi College, and earned the Master of Divinity degree at New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. Sanderson served as BSU president in college, as moderator of associations on two occasions, and has filled numerous committee responsibilities in the denomination. A most recent honor has been to be nominated for entry in the first edition of *Who's Who in Religion in America*.

He is married to the former Amy May of Tylertown. They have four children: one married daughter, Mrs. Robert Britton of Atlanta; a son, Bobby, who will attend Jones County Jr. College; a daughter, Beth; and son, Tim, who will attend Waynesboro Central High School.

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Mr. President, We Will Pray For You!

President Gerald Ford, in the opening words of his inaugural address as president of our nation, said, "I am acutely aware that you have not elected me by your ballots. I now ask that you confirm me with your prayers." What greater request could a new chief executive of the country make? With all of the responsibilities and burdens of the nation's, and the world's problems, suddenly thrust upon him, his first request of Americans was that they pray for him. This in itself, well may be a measure of the man who now serves as the 38th president of the United States.

The response of every Christian in America should be immediate. "Mr. President, we will pray for you." On

this day, and in the days ahead, and every day he occupies this office, the millions of Christians in America, should pray for him, that he may have the wisdom, ability and strength, to lead this nation in the way that God would have it go. This not only is in response to the request of our new president, but also is in obedience to the clear command of God's Word. In that Word we read, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour" (1 Tim. 2:1-3).

In the same address Mr. Ford requested the prayers of the nation for

Mr. Nixon. Earlier he had spoken of a higher power who ordains not only righteousness but love, not only justice but mercy, and now he asked that prayer be made to that higher power for Mr. Nixon that he might find for himself the peace he had brought to others. President Ford also asked God's blessing upon Mr. Nixon's family. Surely all Christians can respond eagerly and gladly to these requests.

If the nation now can be immersed in the prayers of millions of Christian citizens, for the president and all who serve in the government, and for those who have served, and for all of our people, we can see a day of unity, understanding and advance, that will bring solution to our problems, and move the nation forward to new heights.



"THIS NATION, UNDER GOD" CAN

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Open Letter To CBS And Channel 4, Dallas, Texas:

For the first time ever on television, last Saturday evening, July 20, I heard the words, "God" and "damn" used together. I was tuned to your station listening to the popular program, "All In The Family." The expletives came from the lips of the character, Archie Bunker. Apparently anticipating an audience reaction, he went into a lame and supposedly funny defense of his language, insinuating that such words are not curse words, in that both words are found in our Bible.

Many of us have not appreciated it, but have endured an occasional "damn" without protest. (However, who but one person can damn?) I have the impression that if we let the media get away with this bold expression, the air will soon be blue in our living rooms. And even at seven o'clock in the evening!

As for me, I do not intend to turn the program on again unless I am assured by you or CBS that such harsh and blasphemous language will be eliminated in the future.

The writers have done a good job of caricaturing a stupid bigot. Offensive language may be characteristic of such a perverted mind, but the point can be put across without exposing people with reverent minds to shocking and offensive expletives.

I vigorously protest and decry your lack of good taste and your brazen violation of the self-imposed code of the television industry.

James H. Harris
3413 Lawndale
Fort Worth, Texas 76133

Old Ladies Home Appreciates Support

Dear Friends:

The members of the Board of Managers and the ladies in residence wish to thank you for your generous financial help during our 76 years of the operation of the Old Ladies Home.

Each year, at this time, we send this letter to remind you that we would deeply appreciate your continued support in maintaining the Home.

Please send your contribution to our Treasurer, Mrs. Dudley Phelps, 420 East Fortification Street, Jackson, Mississippi, zip code 39202.

Mrs. A. A. Madden, President
Board of Managers
Old Ladies Home Association
Jackson, Miss.

On The MORAL SCENE...

NOISE POLLUTION — How much noise is too much? Damage to your hearing — and your children's — could result from long and continued exposure to average daily levels of more than 70 decibels, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Many Americans get bigger doses than that. The typical daily exposure for various groups, in decibels: factory workers — 87; Schoolchild — 77; suburban office worker — 72; city office worker — 70; city preschooler — 69; suburban preschooler — 60; urban housewife — 67; suburban housewife — 64. U.S. News & World Report, June 3, 1974.

CIGARETTE SMOKING — "Stop cigarette smoking, and you can prevent perhaps 75% of the 75,000 lung-cancer deaths that occur annually." — Saturday Review-World, May 18, 1974.

LOWERING THE ANTE — "After a year to warm up, the government Commission on the Review of the National Policy Toward Gambling was ready to move into the big time in fiscal 1975, with elaborate field work, in-depth research — and a \$1 million budget. Then Congress read the fine print and spotted such items as a study of 'the history, mythology and astrology of gambling' that required four treks to Las Vegas,

A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

It seemed as if I should hear a bell start tolling — a heavy, doleful knell signifying mournful and final sorrow. But I didn't. I heard news bulletins, speculations, wherever people gathered, expressions of disbelief, uneasiness, sadness, anticipated relief, an occasional note of joy, and many I-told-you-so tones of voices.

Then I saw — as well as one can see through tears — dignity at its best, as an American whose dream had come true placed his sadness before a whole world, and put his dream wherever interrupted, never-to-be-finished dreams go.

And, all along I kept asking, How can a woman walk in Pat Nixon's shoes right now? Every time I saw her on camera, she seemed to stand with resolution, sad, but bolstered by calm strength, her smile slow and tremulous, and the wave of her arm hesitant, but her shoes seemed to fit, and she walked in them without a limp.

As TV coverage placed me smack in the middle of all the emotional ravages of America, I tried to feel with everybody I looked at, but I kept coming back to myself and thinking, How do I behave in all of this? What's the real meaning of all this to me? All weeklong I kept trying to define the emotions I felt. Finally I realized they are the ones I remember feeling the first time I, as a young girl, was brutally disappointed in an adult I admired with all my being. When I remembered this, it sharpened my awareness that experiences are personal, too, no matter how national or international they are.

I have feared no weakening of America because of a new leader's being in power — we're harder than that. We're resilient, resourceful, and we heal rather quickly. We're a busy people and have to keep going. We can't stop long for either joy or sorrow. We'll survive as a nation. Besides, there's something to be said, a great deal, even, for the stability and ability to keep things in perspective of a man who cooks his own breakfast on the day he'll become President of the United States of America — and who unaffectedly calls a committee meeting in the midst of his inaugural talk to his nation — and who is careful to return ball point pens after he signs autographs — and who talks to God and prayer as easily and naturally as he talks of his wife and his country.

But, as persons, we will have to behave and react. For us Christians, this crisis calls for the same Christian behavior everyday living calls for — love, forgiveness, compassion, a genuine caring about everyone concerned. It also involves learning — new lessons, if necessary, reviewing old lessons, if necessary.

Probably all of us should turn to the page in our lives where the chapter on honesty starts. — Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

with writers at \$100 a day, researchers at \$50 a day and an 'overhead' of \$63,000. When Congressional outrage calmed, the commission's budget was chopped back to \$250,000 for next year." — Newsweek, July 8, 1974.

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"Little Foxes That Spoil The Vines"

It is a sad time for America!

For the first time in the almost two centuries of our nation's history, a president has resigned. Last week, President Nixon told the nation that he was stepping down from the office.

Now, while there is joy in the inauguration of President Ford and the beginning of a new era in the nation's life, there still is a feeling of sadness in the hearts of the great majority of Americans.

No one can rejoice when a president falls from the high position of leadership and trust which the nation had accorded him.

Without question, Mr. Nixon has been, in many ways, one of the great presidents of our nation's history. His accomplishments in the area of peace, for our own nation, and for the world, have not been matched by any other man. These things will not be forgotten when Mr. Nixon is measured by the historians, but right now they are overshadowed by the events of recent months.

Tragically, he is forced out of office,

not by some world shaking crime, but because of the aftermath of an insignificant, foolish act. No one could argue that Watergate was anything more than a stupid, third-rate burglary attempt, yet the unwise decision to try to "sweep it under the rug" and hide it, involved lawless actions, and proved to be the undoing of the president.

As a Bible student looks at all of this he thinks of the reference in the Song of Solomon (2:15) to the "little foxes, that spoil the vines." In this present experience, it was the "little" event, handled in the wrong manner, which toppled a government leader. The "little event" occurred, and because the president and his associates unwisely decided to try to cover it up, rather than deal with it straightforwardly, it became the instrument which destroyed the careers of the president and numerous of his associates.

It is not necessary to moralize. Nevertheless, here is a lesson for all of us to learn. We must watch the "little foxes" which most certainly can, if wrongly handled, spoil many of the good things of life.

"The Sanctity Of Human Life"

On page one appears the first of five articles on the general subject "The Sanctity of Human Life." The author is Dr. Bob Adams, a professor of Christian Ethics at New Orleans Seminary. The articles were written at the request of the Special Articles Committee of the Southern Baptist Press Association working with the Christian Life Commission.

The first article is a general discussion of "the sanctity of human life." Other articles to follow will deal with Abortion, Capital Punishment, Amnesty and Euthanasia.

The publication of these articles does not mean that they represent the view of either the Southern Baptist Press Association or the Baptist Record. Their purpose is to provide frank discussion of live issues of our day. Whether or not one agrees with the author, he will find a clear analysis of, and a searching study in the light of the Bible of these very timely themes.

NEW BOOKS

HALLEY'S BIBLE HANDBOOK, An abbreviated Commentary, Fiftieth Anniversary Edition (Zondervan, 800 pp., \$5.95) A new anniversary edition of one of the most valuable Bible Handbooks available today. This has been a very popular handbook from the very beginning and millions of copies have been published. With the anniversary edition a facsimile of the first edition is given free. This is a small booklet of a few pages with introductory remarks concerning each book of the Bible. There is much general introductory material including archaeological discoveries. This is followed by a book by book analysis, with an introduction concerning authorship, date, etc. for each book. The author then discusses material in each book section by section. He discusses problems, doctrinal issues, etc. For the average Bible student without a commentary or even with, this can be one of the most valuable concise Bible reference books available today.

HIDE OR SEEK by Dr. James Dobson (Fleming Revell, 1974, 150 pp., \$4.95) Another excellent book by the author of Dare to Discipline. Dr. Dobson pointedly suggests ten strategies parents and teachers may use to cultivate self-esteem in every child. Analyzing the epidemic of inferiority afflicting our society, he attacks the false value system that places high premium upon beauty and intelligence. In discussing the meaning of behavior in children, Dr. Dobson describes the motivating factors toward shyness, aggressiveness and other characteristics where the common thread between the varying personality patterns is inferiority. Hide or seek culminates in a discussion of the values which parents should impart to their children to give them the courage to seek the best from their world rather than hide in fear and sorrow. — J. Clark Hensley

THE DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY PLAN RESOURCE BOOK (Convention Press 1974, \$3.95) Beginning with Howard Foshee's The Ministry of the Deacon, the resource book is geared toward being an effective deacon as a Christian leader and especially in implementing the deacon family ministry. Complete with information forms, calendar, monthly reports and referral forms, this resource book give practical aid to the deacon who is serious about ministry to families. — J. Clark Hensley

CREATIVE WAYS TO WORSHIP by James L. Christensen (Fleming H. Revell, 200 pp., \$4.95) Dr. Christensen, a minister in the Christian Church, offers dozens of specific services for a wide variety of occasions, such as small group encounters, retreats, outdoor park services, funeral services, and chapel services. A section of special prayers includes one with emphasis on a fiftieth wedding anniversary. The book, exceptionally easy to read, is fresh, original and exciting in its approach.

GOD'S PEOPLE: UNITED FOR CONQUEST, edited by Thomas L. Clark (Convention Press) This kit offers youth and youth workers enrichment materials for teaching — learning experiences related to "God's People: United for Conquest, the third book in the seven-volume Youth Bible Survey Series. It includes such items as a Bible time line, games, maps, crossword puzzles, and posters.

JOURNEY INTO FULLNESS by James Mahoney (Broadman, paper, 146 pp.) Studies in the experiences of the children of Israel from their bondage in Egypt, their journey through the wilderness, and their entrance into the promised land. Direct application is made to the Christian experience.

COMMENTARY ON 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS by Ronald A. Ward (Word, 178 pp., \$3.95) The author is an Episcopal rector in Canada and formerly was a lecturer at London College of Divinity and professor of New Testament at Wyndcliffe College, the University of Toronto. The commentary is based upon a broad knowledge of the great language and long and careful study of the text of Paul's two books to the church at Thessalonica. The outlining is clear and the exposition is thorough. Introductory materials for each book present the date, the authorship, and other pertinent truths concerning the book. The theology is analyzed and the message pointed out.

THE HISTORIES AND PROPHECIES OF DANIEL by G. H. Lang (Kregel, 224 pp., \$4.95) Fourth edition of a book first published in 1940. The author was an English clergyman who died in 1958. He was the author of more than 40 books and pamphlets. In this book he reveals long and careful study of the whole prophetic picture found in Daniel. In a graphic way he deals with each chapter, but the interpretations of the prophetic sections are of special value. Appendices deal with the antichrist, the powers of human government, and a final one on the meaning of Gog and Magog in Ezekiel 38 and 39.

DIVORCED by Suzanne Stewart (Zondervan, paper, 224 pp., \$2.95) As a divorcee, the author raised three children on her own. Despite the hardships she vividly portrays in this book, she gives credit to God and to those people who helped. Dealing with relevant situations facing divorcees and those contemplating divorce, Mrs. Stewart's dramatic story will appeal to women everywhere. The message is that God will never let you down if you believe, obey, and praise him.

TONGUES AND TOTAL SURRENDER by Fred Smolchuck (Gospel Publishing House, paper, 32 pp., 80c) The theme of this small book is that "the Holy Spirit's inspiration upon man, plus man's obedient response to the Spirit's prompting, produces extraordinary results."

AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST by William Barclay (Judson, 183 pp., \$1.95) Studies on the life and teaching of Paul the Apostle. Revision of a book first published in 1951. A great Bible scholar looks carefully at a great Bible character. Church Heritage Series: OUR PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE by Paul Carlson; OUR METHODIST HERITAGE by Charles W. Keyser (David C. Cook, paper, \$1.50 each.) Brief books which give something of history, and doctrinal position, of two of the great denominations. We presume there will be others in the series. These will help people understand the contemporary meaning of historic faiths.

SEVEN SPLENDID MOMENTS by Carmen Benson (Whitaker House, paper, 81 pp., \$1.25) Seven true short stories — seven of the most beautiful moments in the life of the author — are tenderly and sensitively told.

COMMUNICATION — KEY TO YOUR MARRIAGE by H. Norman Wright (Regal, paper, \$1.95, 194 pp.) If you are married, you will find in this book some ways to communicate at new and deeper levels, and to understand your mate better. If you're planning marriage, you can learn ways to avoid typical pitfalls trapping many couples. Here are a dozen methods for reducing friction and conflict; ten ways to handle angry feelings; ten principles for building understanding and respect; and ten steps to avoiding anxiety and worry. The author, professor of Christian education at Talbot Seminary in California, is also a marriage counselor in private practice.

RESPONDING TO SUICIDAL CRISIS: FOR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY by Doman Lum (Eerdmans 1974, 223 pp., \$3.95) In this practical resource volume for both clergymen and laymen, the author summarizes the history of theological, philosophical thought on suicide and discusses suicide prevention in the context of crisis intervention. Placing "suicide prevention" in the context of the ministry of the church as a whole, Dr. Lum provides practical suggestions for coping with suicidal crisis and helping those who have made unsuccessful attempts at suicide. Anyone interested in mental health of his community will find this volume a thought-provoking study. — J. Clark Hensley

THESE WERE MY HILLS by Marie Walston (Keats Publishing, paper, \$1.50, reprint, 134 pp.) This is a memorable true story of faith in action and triumph over adversity. Through its pages unfolds the colorful life of the Ozark hills.

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION by Roger T. Forster and V. Paul Marston (Tyndale, pocketbook paper, 166 pp., \$1.35) "Reasonable answers about Living Faith" is the subtitle. Thirty questions relative to the reasonableness of Christian faith, are answered by a pastor and a Christian layman leader. Problems of Christian faith are openly and frankly faced.

To Change Or Not To Change The Name Of Our Convention

**By Brooks H. Wester, Pastor
First, Hattiesburg**
The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Dallas, Texas in June 1974, passed a motion made by Dr. W. A. Criswell, of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, that a Committee be appointed by the President of the Convention to study the possibility of changing the name of the Convention. We are confident that the Committee will do the job right and come back to the Convention with a recommendation that will be the best for the Convention. I do want to share some provoking ideas that have occurred to me as I have thought on this subject.

We must thoroughly think through all we would be involved with in changing the name of the Convention. For instance, the legal work associ-

ated with every document relating to our agencies and institutions. Every part of the Constitution and By-laws governing the Convention itself would have to be researched and changes made wherever Southern Baptist Convention appears. This would be necessary in every state convention and association as well. The charter of every agency and institution within the convention would have to be brought in line with a new name. The cost of legal fees would be tremendous, not counting the time consuming processes that must be followed in such cases. Where will the money come from to defray those expenses? We all know it must come from our corporate giving and this brings it down to Cooperative Program funds. Funds that are really intended for missions.

We must also consider the cost of changing signs on buildings, church

buildings, and agency, and institutional buildings wherever our message and ministry has reached. We might do well to ask the Exxon Corporation how much they spent in changing their name on signs from Humble Oil and Refining Company to the present Exxon.

There are other areas that must not be overlooked as we explore the legal involvements. We now do mission work in more than seventy foreign countries. The name Southern Baptist Convention means something to the authorities of those countries. In most, the visas of our missionaries are renewed without delay. But, a different name will have to be identified and established with the proper authorities in each country. In some countries where mission work from North America is being tolerated, but not encouraged, a changed name could provide an excuse to terminate

the visas of missionaries hoping to return. One of our missionaries had to change fields and learn a new language because he was denied entry to the country in which he had been working and to which he had hoped to return following his furlough. The denial was based on a very flimsy excuse used by the government of that country.

I am aware that some of our brethren have encountered resistance to the name "Southern" in the so-called "pioneer areas" of the United States. I am very sympathetic toward them and the problem. Looking at the resistance from a positive stance, we can at least know that the name stands for something, even in the mind of those not approving. Now that we are the largest evangelical body of believers in the nation, and that fact is given world wide publicity by the secular press, we can expect

the inability to identify Southern Baptists to diminish all over the country. To me, to explain who the Southern Baptists are would be a great deal easier than explaining an altogether new name.

To become a bit nostalgic, perhaps, another factor for me to recall is the beginning of our convention. 1845 in the life of the United States of America was no ta good year. The subsequent years saw war arise that threatened every fabric of the life of this nation. But, in those dark and threatening years, the people who organized the Southern Baptist Convention did something that God has used to bless this nation and the world. The convention they organized and named The Southern Baptist Convention has grown until its influence reaches around the earth. In the worst of times they did something that has become the source of great

blessing to the nation. They had a world vision then, and we have not lost it now. The name did not constrict their vision, nor does it limit ours. The name has been honored and respected, and I am convinced it should not be changed now. Let us get on with the work of introducing our fellow men to Jesus Christ, who doesn't change people's name but who does change their character.

One final personal thought. My preacher father, who served Southern Baptist churches for nearly sixty years in Texas, always said to me, "Son, if you would serve Christ effectively, love the brethren and attend the meetings." I have found his wisdom very meaningful in my life. Therefore, if my brethren vote to change the name of the Southern Baptist Convention, I will still love the brethren and attend the meetings of the ??? Baptist Convention.



Main Streeters At Ridgecrest
Pictured are Sunday School leaders and their families from Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, who attended Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center for a recent Sunday School week. This group had the second highest attendance from Mississippi. (Also pictured is Vickie Hillman who is a staff member at Ridgecrest.) Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr. is the Main Street pastor.

Nebraska Trucker Tunes 'Jammers' Into Gospel

By Jon Cook
OMAHA, Neb. (BP) — The roar of a big diesel rig and the grinding of its shifting gears cues truck driver Bill Payne, a Baptist minister, for his opening remarks on "Just for Jammers," a radio show, created by Payne and his son, Jeff, to expose truckers to the message of Jesus Christ. Jammers are truck drivers — "gear jammers," Payne, 49, has been a jammer for Pacific Intermountain Express for the past 21 years.

As an ordained minister and evangelist, he began to study for the pastoral ministry 15 years ago in Illinois. However, problems seemed to plague his efforts. "As a door to a good pastorate opened, God would shut it," Payne says.

"It took the Lord about 14 years to get it through my thick head that he wanted me to preach to drivers. A year and a half ago I finally accepted the fact that this is where the Lord wanted to use me," he adds.

Payne began taping the show a few months ago in his own recording studio. He equipped a small room in his basement, using his own money. He tapes the show on his day off. Jeff is the show's announcer and technician.

"Just for Jammers" is now on three radio stations, covering 16 states, once a week. KJLP in North Platte, Neb.; KRNV in Lexington, Neb.; and WDMP in Dodgeville, Wis., carry his show. Coverage includes an area ranging from Western Minnesota through Texas and to the West Coast.

Payne would like to have the show broadcast all over the country every night of the week.

"We're interested in the stations that truck drivers listen to, not just the big ones. There is big competition

among stations for truckers," says Payne.

Payne uses short messages or sermonettes of no longer than a minute and a half in the show. "They won't sit still for a lot of preaching. The man has to relate to it or he'll turn it off."

"The music is strictly country-gospel. Most truckers won't listen to anything else," Payne says. The name of the artist has to ring a bell, too," he adds. Payne points out that finding usable music that fits the show's format is one of his more difficult problems. Payne says his standard performers include Wanda Jackson, Charlie Pride, Tammy Wynette, Sunshine Brothers, Jake Hess, and the Cathedral Quartet.

Payne emphasizes the need for his type of radio program. "Truckers are constantly listening to their radios from midnight to six," he says. He knows of nothing else in the way of religious programming directed specifically toward truckers.

"I never mention money on the program. That is what sticks in their throats most about radio preachers. I made up my mind that if we were going into this broadcast and it was going to be God's work, then he was going to have to supply the funds."

Lack of funds is the only obstacle that holds back program expansion, Payne says. Incorporation as a religious non-profit organization helps, but not enough, he adds.

Payne feels that the show must be natural in order to appeal to truckers. "We use the jammers' vernacular," he says. His examples are "buckets" for pistons, "pots" for a truck's rear end, "running barefoot" for driving on snow packed roads without chains. "I imagine truckers' slang is frustrating to the people who listen to the

Hickory Ridge Makes Special Relief Offering

Hickory Ridge Church in Rankin County has just taken a special offering to send as relief to the famine-stricken people in Niger.

Pastor Joe G. Canzoneri says that the decision to make the offering was a response to a letter from missionary Jerold Palmer in Maradi, Niger, who told of the suffering and starvation there.

The church decided to take a love offering for the relief of some of these needy people, and set a goal of \$500. The actual amount raised and sent was \$530.

show and don't understand what is going on," he says.

Payne is an active trucker while producing his radio show. He drives twin trailers or "double-bottoms" on a division run between Omaha and Cheyenne, Wyo., three times a week covering 500 miles each way.

Another of his projects is a Gear Jammers' Guide to the Bible. "Guys have said to me, 'I've tried reading the Bible and can't make heads or tails of it,'" Payne feels their problem is that they try to read the Bible straight through. Payne wants his guide to be trucker oriented, "using truckers' slang. 'I want to point out the interesting features and outline the Bible,'" he says.

Payne dropped out of high school in the tenth grade. He joined the Air Force where he passed his high school equivalency tests. Most of his theological training is in the books on the shelves in his home. He is now enrolled with the Moody Bible Institute, studying Greek.

Payne's ultimate goal is to go into radio work full time. He wants to equip a truck and attend truckers' rodeos, and association meetings. "There is a greater opportunity now than ever before to talk about Jesus," he believes.

Tanzanian Baptists Welcome Over 8,000 New Christians

TUKUYU, Tanzania — One man became a Christian, shared his new-found faith, and now there are 8,400 new Christians in 30 new churches.

The more than 100 messengers at the annual Tanzania Baptist Convention meeting at the Baptist Assembly for East Africa in Limuru, Kenya, heard the missions committee report on these new Christians and their desire to join the convention.

It all began, according to the report, when a Tanzanian traveled to Kenya. While there he became a Christian. When he returned to his village he shared his experiences and others became Christians. This was six years ago.

Realizing that the growing group



New Student Center Opens In Korea
Dedication services, held in Seoul, Korea, recently for the Baptist Student Evangelism Center, were led by Oscar K. Bozeman, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary and missionary chairman. Facilities in the building include an office, library, reading room kitchen and a meeting room for Bible study and worship services. Missionary Harold G. Gateley, who directs the center with Baptist pastor Won Shik Ohm, said, "Already over 100 college students are attending the Bible study and worship periods and we look for more participation from the universities and high schools near here." (FMB Photo)

Student Leader Points To Need Of 'Churchmanship'

By James A. Lowry
(Second in Series of Two Articles on Student Work)
NASHVILLE (BP) — "Churchmanship" is a concept almost unique to Southern Baptists in student work.

The statement of basic philosophy of Southern Baptist student ministries reads: "The church is indispensable to the maturing spiritual, moral and intellectual lives of students and faculty members."

The SBC's National Student Ministries' message, strongly includes the needs for the New Testament church for Christian growth in students.

In fact, "churchmanship" will become more evident to Southern Baptists in 1977 when a convention-wide emphasis is planned entitled "Churchmanship 77."

Charles Roselle, secretary of National Student Ministries at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, reports that "during this time every church will be challenged to define and develop its own unique ministry to students."

"Churchmanship" is not just an emphasis to be carried out by the church," Roselle said. "Campus organizations will undergird the emphasis with similar supportive emphases."

"There is going to be an increased emphasis on 'churchmanship,'" he said. "I predict that college students will be assuming more and more roles of vital leadership in the church as the years go by, which is in keeping with the larger role they are assuming in all of society."

Roselle said certain student ministry methods are changing to cope with at least two new trends in American higher education, which are becoming increasingly more obvious.

One is an increasing percentage of students married and participating in the life of the church as a new family unit rather than as single persons.

Another is the increasing percentage of students living at home while attending college.

"Many of these students are engaged in an occupation and doing college work at the same time," according to Roselle.

"All of this means that the groups of students away from home for an extended length of time at college are neither as large nor as identifiable

Prayer Retreats Scheduled For Baptist Women

Two opportunities for prayer retreats will be provided in September for members of Baptist Women in Mississippi.

Miss Ethel McKeithen, Baptist Women Director for Mississippi WMU, plans to conduct these two retreats at Camp Garaywa — one September 19-20; the other September 20-21. Each retreat will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will conclude at noon the following day.

Leading these events will be Mrs. Thelma Bagby, missionary to Brazil. Periods of Bible study are to be directed by Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

Spending time in quiet meditation—sharing answered prayers—being challenged to deepen one's prayer life—studying Bible passages—making Christian friends—all these will be possible for those who attend one of the Baptist Women prayer retreats.

To register for a retreat, send your name and address, along with \$2 registration fee to Miss Ethel McKeithen, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205. (An additional \$5 will be paid on arrival at Garaywa.) Be sure to indicate the date you plan to attend. Deadline for registration is September 10.

as they once were," Roselle continued.

"The needs of students away from home are the same as those at home, and in some instances greater," he said. "Consequently some of our methods have been undergoing change to minister to the needs of students not away from home."

Roselle expressed the hope that in the upcoming years "National Student Ministries can join hands with the departments of student work in state Baptist conventions and the 34,500 Southern Baptist churches in developing a ministry to students that is a response to individual student needs, world needs and New Testament demands."

"I am hoping," he concluded, "that not only will all churches become aware of their own responsibility, but that a way might be found to develop an organized ministry on every campus in the United States."

National Student Ministries' stated goal is organization of student work on 975 campuses by June 1, 1975, 1,200 campuses by June 1, 1976, and 1,400 campuses by June 1, 1977.

At the present time organized student work is present on 932 campuses, which is nearly 300 more than five years ago, an average of 60 new campuses each year. These achievements indicate that the goals may well be met. (James A. Lowry is information specialist at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.)

Sometimes It's Hard To Be A Baptist 'by the book'

**By A. Clark Scanlon
for Baptist Press**
The veteran missionary likes to think he can roll with the punches — that he's ready for just about anything.

But occasionally he is just not prepared for what comes up. Some days not only try his stamina, but make him re-evaluate his dedication to New Testament principles.

Take a recent Sunday for example. The whole episode began in a very simple manner that gave little indication of the rush of events to follow.

Our small church in Guatemala City has no baptism, and foregoing its usual practice of baptizing (by immersion) in a lake, asked a nearby sister church for the use of its baptism on Sunday afternoon.

As we arrived at the church a few minutes before the service, we began to feel a vague uneasiness when we

saw three young men to be baptized were out walking in the street.

They bounced quickly over to the car with the news, "Someone forgot to fill the baptism, and it won't be ready until five o'clock."

I groaned, and Sarah, my wife, began to recount that she had a choir practice at 5:30 p.m. I had a revival service to preach that night and besides that, what in the world were we going to do with a congregation for the next two hours.

Inside, I found that my enterprising missionary colleague, Chester Cadwallader, had gone to ask the fire department to fill the baptism.

The fire department is the one institution in Guatemala City the absence of which would bring life to a complete standstill. The firemen are the first on the scene of a wreck, a murder or a drowning.

Naturally, the church turned to the firemen.

Graciously, the firemen agreed to help but calculated it would take an hour for them to fill their 500 gallon tank and bring it to the church.

In the meantime, we checked the water in the baptism. It stood at exactly three inches. I knew at that moment where the deviation from the biblical practice of total immersion began. Sometimes it's hard to be a Baptist.

But never mind, the "bombers" (firemen) were on their way. We began a marathon baptismal service, songs to have created a mini-festival of Christian music. We read enough scripture to put us ahead on daily Bible readings for months to come. I gave enough instruction on baptism to have provided credit for a seminary course in ecclesiology.

But when all this ended, the firemen still had not appeared. Perhaps their absence had do to with a heavy column of black smoke that rose off in the distant edge of the neighborhood.

Again, Cadwallader rose to the occasion by going to a nearby cemetery and borrowing the buckets they use to water flowers. With buckets in hand, the men, boys and baptismal candidates formed brigades like old time fire fighters, and slowly the baptism began to fill while the waiting congregation continued to sing.

Friendly neighbors opened doors, water came from every doorway until the baptism reached a respectable level. As the people reverently watched, two teachers, a house painter, an Indian woman and several students — 10 in all — followed their Lord in baptism. (BP)



Subscriber To The Record Since 1910
R. G. McCorkle, who lives at the North Mississippi Retirement Home in Grenada, has been a subscriber to the Baptist Record since 1910—or 64 years. A bachelor in his eighties, he can still read the Record without glasses (at left above.) Sometimes, though, he uses a magnifying glass (right) for fine print.

Because of arthritis, Mr. McCorkle has not been able to walk for over four years. However, he goes in a wheelchair to the preaching services held on Sunday afternoons across the hall from his room. With his typical optimism, he says, "This is the shortest distance I ever had to travel to preaching!" His boyhood church was Spring Hill in Tallahatchie County.

Today's Youth

Pensacola Painted Red, Green, In Mission Project

By Tim Nicholas
PENSACOLA, Fla. (BP) — This city got a new coat of paint because a Southern Baptist minister of music envisioned a mission project to be carried out on a citywide basis.

Paul Royal, minister of music for the Pensacola First Baptist Church, planned to ask the city to donate \$50,000 while manpower was to be provided by skilled carpenters and a thousand young volunteers.

With what was attributed to detailed organization and the "guidance of the Holy Spirit," the plan succeeded.

Royal previously led the church's youth in similar small-scale projects, repairing four Pensacola homes and a Pass Christian, Miss., church devastated by Hurricane Camille in August, 1969.

He put his latest, larger plan on paper and went to the church's pastor, James L. Pleitz.

Pleitz, current president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Pastor's Conference, is also chairman of a task force on housing and welfare for Action '76, a bicentennial group, which took over sponsorship of the project.

Project V. I. P. (Volunteers Improving Pensacola) as the venture was known, asked the city for \$50,000 to buy whole sale building materials. The city council voted the entire amount to be taken out of the city's federal revenue sharing funds.

Then they asked the local home

builders' associations for volunteer carpenters, plumbers and electricians. People such as Joe Napier, former chairman of First Baptist Church's board of deacons and current secretary of the western Florida home builders' association, helped in recruitment. Ten of his own construction company employees volunteered.

They also set out to recruit a thousand young people from local high schools and colleges, but four days before the Saturday work day, only 150 young people had been enlisted.

Royal hit the high school circuit. In three days he spoke at every high school in Pensacola. "God opened doors all over," said Royal, "especially in schools where there is a direct policy against outsiders calling assemblies."

At one school the principal who introduced him said, "As you know, young people do not have a better friend in Pensacola than First Baptist Church."

By Friday, 1,200 young people had been divided among the 100 sub-standard homes to be repaired.

"Most people were skeptical because of the magnitude of the project," Napier said, "But this was a love-for-you-fellowman sort of thing, and we got an outstanding response from all segments of community life."

The operation ran like a naval fleet in tight formation, but not on the

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Summer Missionary Sleeps In Jail

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It happened. I spent the night in the Eureka County jail. We got into Eureka at 4:00 a.m. We could not find a key and no window would open. We put our sleeping bags out on the door step — then the police said we could sleep over in the jail. It was okay until the other guard came and saw my cell open. He said, "Your door is open." He slammed it shut. It was a weird feeling to be put under a locked cell. I can really feel for those people. I spent part of that night praying and part crying.

We completed two VBS's last week. One in Paradise Valley and one in Bottle Creek.

Paradise Valley was different. It was a small church in a valley. In Bottle Creek, we held it in a barn. I got to ride my first horse or it took me for a ride. Finally, I got it to stop. I don't care to ride again.

This weekend we held a youth retreat in Austin. It was a time for me to unwind.

We are now holding two VBS's. One in Eureka and one in Duckwater Indian Reservation.

—In "Vuherd," USM



THE LIVING HOPE SINGERS OF IMMANUEL, NATCHEZ, have been on a 15-day youth mission to Paris, Ohio, singing and working in Bible schools and backyard Bible clubs. On the way, they sang in Auburn Church, Tupelo, and in Auburn, Ky. Returning, they stopped at Opryland in Nashville. August 18 they will give a testimonial service in their home church. Don Moore is music director; Rev. Billy Thames is pastor.



THE TOUR CHOIR OF FIRST, STARKVILLE, went on mission tour, July 17-27. The Senior High Choir, Senior High Handbell groups, and their sponsors sang in Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio. The group was invited to Cincinnati to work with the First Baptist Church of Anderson Hills in a Vacation Bible School, lead in Backyard Bible Studies, lead in the Sunday worship services and sing concerts in shopping malls, also they presented a concert at Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati. Enroute they gave concerts in Tennessee and Kentucky. C. Trull Roberts, minister of music, and Ted Hayes, minister of youth, went with the group. Mrs. Willa Dean Teague was piano accompanist. Dr. Raymond Lloyd is the pastor.



THE YOUTH CHOIR OF WOODLAND HILLS, JACKSON, proclaimed their faith in Christ through song on a tour through Florida, August 14-21. A side trip to Disney World highlighted the trip. Money for the tour was raised through various projects sponsored by the choir and through the donations of church members. Tom Mercier, minister of music, directs the choir, students from junior high through college. Rev. Al Finch is pastor.



FIRST, WAYNESBORO'S YOUTH MISSION TOUR GROUP worked in East St. Louis, Illinois, July 7-13. In backyard Bible clubs and in morning and evening VBS, they worked in two black churches and one white mission church. Ron Rainer, minister of music and youth, accompanied them.



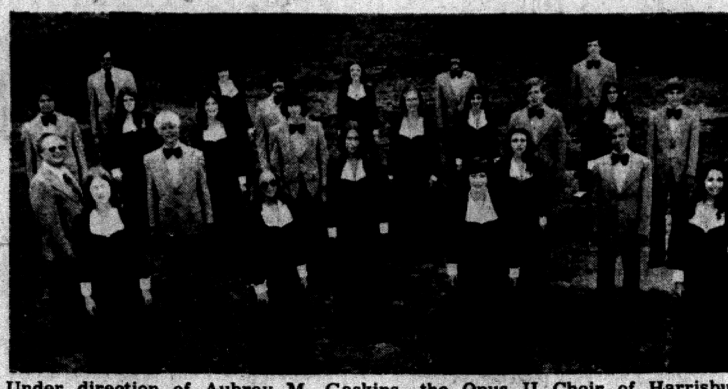
THE JOY SINGERS FROM WEST JACKSON STREET CHURCH, TUPELO, have returned from a thirteen-day mission tour to West Yellowstone, Montana. These young people participated in Vacation Bible School, surveys, street rallies, and gave three musical concerts. This was the first such tour as a mission outreach from their church. They were directed to the area by the Home Mission Board. Harold D. Smith is the music minister.



First, Crystal Springs' young people recently went on a mission trip to Pennsylvania where they ministered through Wrightsdsale Church, Peach Bottom, Rev. Charles Gordon, pastor. (Mr. Gordon was formerly on the staff of the Crystal Springs church.) The young people and their sponsors, including James Beasley, minister of music and youth, conducted VBS and gave programs in area churches.



"ALL GOD'S CHILDREN" OF PETAL HARVEY CHURCH, PETAL, presented the musical, "Discovery," on August 11 at the church. Ralph Henson directed the production. Rev. Jerry Henderson is the pastor.



Under direction of Aubrey M. Gaskins, the Opus II Choir of Harrisburg, Tupelo, left Friday, August 9, for a 2,000 mile seven-state tour. Following sacred concerts, the choir makes a costume change and presents a program of musical favorites. The choir is accompanied by piano, 3 trumpets, 2 trombones, tuba, and a complete rhythm section. They will give their homecoming concert at Harrisburg on August 18, at 7:30 p.m. and will be broadcast over WELQ a.m. Their pops concert will begin at 8:45 p.m. in the church's Family Life Center. Dr. Robert L. Hamblin is pastor.

POWERLINE

A Straight Line to Youth

GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON

This all too common problem is an important factor in the "generation gap."

Whenever I ask adults anything, they always say they don't need a reason. When I ask my mom if I can go somewhere she says "no." When I ask why, she says, "Because I said so." It's the same with the teachers at school. If I could get a reason, I wouldn't mind. I could accept some things. Just saying "I'm older than you" doesn't seem like an explanation. Do you think it's fair? I sure don't!

This approach rests on a sound Christian principle.

Everyone deserves a reason for doing everything! A significant mistake some parents make is telling a child to do something "just because." That's not enough. It is demeaning to an individual no matter how young. Wise parents begin explaining things to their children very early. Thus, the child can never remember a time when parents gave arbitrary mandates.

God operates this way with his children. He is patient. He explains. He tells us again and again the reasons behind his actions. This is exactly what he did in declaring, "For God so loved the world."

If parents are smart, they will follow this example. Why don't you explain it this way to your parents? It just might work.

A weekly radio program for youth broadcast nationwide by So. Baptist Radio-TV Commission. For information write POWERLINE, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response.

Retreat And Basketball Clinics

Part Of Alta Woods Youth Meet

Alta Woods Church will hold summer Youth Revival August 18-21. Dr. Charles E. Myers, pastor, and Scotty Shows, minister of activity and youth, have announced.

Services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. the opening Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday nights.

Evangelist will be Rev. Wayne Barber of Brookhaven, minister of Family Life at First, Brookhaven.

Leading the singing will be Bill Pharr, minister of music at Alta Woods. Providing special music will be Kathy Rein of Jackson, student at Mississippi College.

A number of special events are planned in connection with the revival. A retreat for all 9th grade to college age youth will be held August 15-17 at Teens, Inc. near Columbia.

On Sunday, August 18, an All Youth

and Men's Breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall with the men of the church fixing breakfast for the young people. The evangelist will be featured speaker.

Other special events include a special assembly program during Sunday School that Sunday, a fellowship after services that evening and a special fellowship period after the final service of the revival Wednesday evening.

One of the biggest special features of the youth revival, however, will be a series of basketball clinics Monday through Wednesday. Clinics will be held Monday for elementary-age boys and girls, and then on Tuesday and Wednesday for 7th-12th graders.

The clinics will be led by Mr. Barber, who played varsity basketball in college, along with Shows and other experienced basketball personnel from the church.



THE YOUTH CHOIR OF WOODVILLE HEIGHTS CHURCH, JACKSON, recently toured Louisiana and Texas, presenting a collection of anthems and folk music. The 35 young people and six sponsors travelled by bus. The choir was under direction of James Francis, youth director. Rev. Carl Savell is pastor.



THE HARMONY SINGERS OF HARMONY CHURCH, PICAYUNE have presented "The Christian Life," a testimonial in song, at several churches in the Pearl River Association, as well as the Picayune Convalescent Home and First Church, Avondale, La. during the summer. Music director is Charlie Sones and David Sandifer is pastor. —(Photo by Tam-Ram Photographics)



WAITING AND WORKING—Some of Pensacola's poor find resting places as volunteer work teams repair their houses. The city-wide project that involved more than 1,000 people and \$50,000 was initiated by Paul Royal, minister of music, and the young people of the Florida city's First Baptist Church. — (BP) photo by Ken Touchton



CALVARY, GREENWOOD'S YOUTH CHOIR went on tour August 2-13, singing in Kentucky and Ohio. They worked in Bible schools and revivals in the Akron area. In July they travelled to New Orleans where they sang at Dowman Road Church. After a retreat at Southeast Baptist Assembly they sang at Paul Trull Church, Pearl. This choir, with Jim Stowe as director of music and youth, has grown from nine to 58 in one year. Mrs. Theresa Blake is the accompanist. Rev. Rayford Duck is the pastor.



THE COLLEGE AND CAREER CLASS, FIRST, SUMMIT are working at Wiggins Baptist Mission, Wiggins, Colorado two weeks in August. They will conduct a VBS census, revival, Bible studies and fellowships. Rev. Larry W. Fields is pastor.

Freedom In Christ -- Freedom From Sin And Guilt

Colossians 2:8-23

By Clifton J. Allen

The heresy which threatened the church in Colossae was a serious threat to Christian freedom. These ideas and practices included rules about food and drink, the observance of special days and seasons, and acceptance of angel worship, all as essential to salvation—in addition to faith in

Christ or, in reality, as substitutes for Christ. In answering the sophisticated arguments of the false teachers, Paul had to deal with their speculative theories by setting forth some of the profoundest truths about Christ. Our lesson, therefore, challenges serious thought; it demands searching study to understand the issues and to relate them to our own experience in living in the Christian life. Paul warned against the legalism, mysticism, and asceticism which were promoted by the false teachers as the means of imposing

slavery on the believers in Colossae.

**The Lesson Explained
FREEDOM FROM SIN AND GUILT**
(vv. 13-15)

Paul reminded the Christians of their conversion. They had been made alive by the renewing power of God. They had been brought into oneness with him by faith in Christ and had thus experienced the forgiveness of sins. Through Christ's death on the cross, God blotted out the handwriting in ordinances or cancelled the law with all of its legal demands; that is, he blotted out the indictment and

wiped off the charge against us, which he set aside by nailing it to the cross. Not only so, Christ's death on the cross was a public demonstra-

tion of a death blow to the powers of evil, a cosmic victory over principalities and powers that seek to enslave and destroy the sons of men. In other words, Christ triumphed over those angelic spirits of evil and death. Thus the believer in Christ is set free from sin and guilt. His freedom in the new life in Christ. His salvation is not something he has earned by keeping rules or observing religious rituals but was received by faith in the love of God. His freedom is a gift, but it is freedom which is to be realized by living the Christian life under the lordship of Christ.

CALL TO FREEDOM (vv. 16-19)

The schemes of salvation pressed on the Colossians by the false teachers had to do with food and drink, keeping feasts, and observing the sabbath. These were not all, but they reflected the legalism of Old Testament ordinances. To put hope for salvation in them meant to return to slavery under the law. Other schemes uprooting faith in Christ were a false self-abasement or pretense of humility and the worship of angels; added to these was the value of special visions and of special knowledge, both of which contributed to futile deceit and false pride. Paul warned the Christians to be on the alert lest they should be beguiled or disqualified by

the snare of these vain and false schemes. The hope of salvation was holding on to Christ, who is altogether adequate for the individual and the corporate body. Life finds wholeness and fullness, harmony and strength in all its parts, when faith is kept in Christ; and thus one grows to maturity in him.

THE EXERCISE OF FREEDOM
(vv. 20-23)

Freedom, to become real in experience, imposes the necessity for self-discipline and responsible action. If one has been set free by Christ from the "rudiments of the world," that is, from the control of evil spirits and powers, why go on living as though one's destiny is subject to these powers? One is not clean or unclean by virtue of what he tastes or does not taste or touches or does not touch. Restrictions or regulations may have the appearance of piety, but real piety is a matter of the heart. Real freedom comes through obedience to Christ; this is altogether different from self-abasement which cultivates false pride and from severity to the body done with a view to earning the forgiveness and blessing of God. Freedom is not to be understood as allowing the indulgence of the flesh, but it is using the freedom which comes from Christ to do the will of God.

Saltillo To Mark 97th Year Aug. 18

Saltillo Church, established in 1877, has made elaborate plans for August 18, in celebration of their 97th anniversary. "Old Things" will be the theme of the day—in sermons, speeches, music, drama, and showing of antiques.

That Sunday will be homecoming day, with dinner on the grounds. An old-fashioned skit will be presented at Sunday School assembly, under the direction of Mary Baronowski, music and youth director at the church. Characters in the skit will be dressed in old-fashioned clothing.

Rev. Lynton L. Younger, present pastor, will preach at the morning service. Rev. J. D. Walker, a retired pastor and member of the church, will speak in the afternoon service.

Also the afternoon's activities will feature a singing and an antique display. Those members who have unusual antiques plan to lend them for the day's program. Also an antique fire truck will be borrowed and parked in front of the church.

Miss Baronowski will direct the music for the special day. Local talent will perform in quartets, duets, solos, etc.

Pensacola Painted --

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planned Saturday. That ran more like a submarine. It rained—not just a shower, but an all-day thunderstorm. The entire operation had to be moved to the next Saturday.

Most of the hundred carpenters, electricians and plumbers returned. Navy corpsmen who were teamed up with volunteers owning citizens' band radios all came back. "But we didn't need any first aid," said Royal.

"Matter of fact, for a film documentary that was made of the project we had to fake the smashing of a finger so a corpsman could bandage it."

The day's work consisted of almost every conceivable type of building repair. The skilled workers supervised the young people in each house as they painted and repaired roofs, doors, floors, plumbing and walls inside and out.

One 70-year-old woman said this was the first time she'd ever had hot water in her home. "If you love the Lord long enough, He'll take care of you," she said.

Others got new hot water heaters, new showers, toilets, and many workers went beyond original work specifications, working on into the next week.

Contractors even gave extra time off to men who wanted to continue on their assigned houses. Some who finished their assignments early went on to other houses that needed extra work.

"At first I wasn't too sure about this project," said one carpenter, "but after seeing what some of these people live in, well, I'm just happy to be out here working."

Barney Burks, mayor of Pensacola, said, "There's an awful lot of good feeling when a person reaches out to help somebody else. He may not understand the feeling, but he likes it."

Most of the houses repaired in the project would likely have been condemned otherwise, said J. Donald Roberts, minimal housing supervisor for Pensacola.

One elderly woman summed up the feelings of most participants as her home was being repaired. "This is the happiest day of my life...the world must be getting better, I feel it."

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Abiding In God's Word

Psalm 119

By Bill Duncan

Do you remember following the Daily Bible Reader's guide religiously in reading your Bible? As a teenager I remember when the teacher was so interested in our reading God's Word that she made a provision that if we did not have our guide—we could choose to read an entire chapter of the Bible. You can be sure that I did not read Psalm 119 because it is



the longest chapter in the Bible. Why did we put so much emphasis on reading our Bible every day? To me the best thing about "training Union" was Daily Bible readers drill as a reminder of what we had read, we needed to return in our churches to a strong emphasis on "abiding in God's Word."

God's people have always been conscious of the fact that a godly life is impossible without an understanding of God's will for our life. The best way to know God's will for our soul is to become acquainted with His Word and to think on it continually.

Psalm 119 is 176 verses long and each verse, with one or two exceptions, has something to say about God's holy Word. The religious ideas of Deuteronomy are thought on as the Law to give to us the value of God's full revelation to man.

It was the psalmist's steadfast purpose "to make God's law the guiding principle of his conduct, to bring all of his will and aims under God's direction, to make his whole life in accord with the perfect will of God." To do this he had to major upon abiding in the Word. Day and night he lived with it and it became the very food of his soul and mind. He had fallen in love with God and just as deeply in love with God's Word and God's will for his life.

There are so many wonderful passages concerning the psalmist's love for the Word of God that we will only deal with three thoughts concerning His word because of space.

A Guide To Forgiveness. Psalm 119:9
"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word."

The psalmist gets right into the midst of our problems. He was concerned about the youth. Temptation comes on every hand for the youth and many fall. They will need the Word of God to make it possible for them to have forgiveness from their sins.

Remember the need presented is "His way." But in order for one to cleanse his way, he must have a clean heart.

The psalmist was concerned that youth be clean from the stain of sin, so he encouraged them to hide the Word in their hearts so that they will be strong in the hour of temptation. The word "hide" is best translated "laid up," stored up like a treasure for a safeguard against sin. The Word is a strong preventative against the contagion of sin. Most likely this came about because of observation that the psalmist found it easier for him to live right when the Word was in his heart. In the journey of life the Word of God is the most precious possession one can carry. It is wonderful to know that in the midst of all of man's difficulties, God has not left us without instruction, without di-

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A Guide In Prayer. Psalm 119:18

The psalmist prayed a very unusual prayer when he said, "Lord, please uncover my eyes that I may behold wondrous things." This brings joy to our hearts when we understand that even the psalmist did not understand everything in God's Word. God is waiting for us to realize our ignorance so that he can withdraw the covering from our eyes for us to discern the mysteries of divine revelation.

We are to pray for instruction and guidance from God so that we can escape the false ways of selfishness. The psalmist wants to be in the fullest sense one of God's chosen to whom God can speak and on whom God can depend. He realizes that the way this will be brought about is by means of the statutes or commandments of God which we are to be taught. So he prays, "Teach me O Lord, the way of thy statutes and I shall keep it unto the end."

The psalmist also saw that he needed to pray for instruction and grace to answer those who would ridicule him for his beliefs. He would like to make a true and joyous confession of faith in God based upon an experience of God's loving kindness. This would make him to be strong and equipped to give a convincing answer to them when they laughed at him for worshipping God. This prayer is worthy for all Christians to pray: "So that I have wherewithal to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy Word Psalm 119:42."

A Guide To Wisdom Psalm 119:99-100

The psalmist has learned from God's Word that which could never be learned from any other source. How wise we could be if we would only go to God's book for the true wisdom. The law is the one source of instruction that is a veritable fountain of wisdom and prudence. When one lives with God's holy Word through suffering, he comes out with new understanding of the richer things of God.

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Names In The News

Norman Rodgers, youth consultant in the church training department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is a contributor for the July - September quarter in "Care" and "Care for Leaders," church training periodicals published by the church training department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Rev. Jim Cox, long time active deacon and layman of Southside, Meridian, has been called as pastor of Pine Springs Mission, a mission of Calvary Church, Meridian. Licensed to preach by Southside in 1973, Mr. Cox retired from Burnley Shirt Corporation in April of this year. Newton County native, he is a graduate of Clarke and MC, and formerly taught school in Calhoun and Neshoba Counties. He is married to the former Lorene Shoemaker of Calhoun County and they have two daughters, Joyce and Cordie Evelyn. Rev. Otis Seal is the Calvary pastor.

Wayne Wilson became minister of education at Colonial Heights Church in Jackson on July 28. He moved from First Church, Brookhaven where for six years he held the same position. He had previously served in First Church, Sulphur, Louisiana. A graduate of New Orleans Seminary, he and his wife, Anita, have four children: Timothy 14, Lauri 13, Shelly 7, and Lydia 4.

Rev. John E. Watts has resigned as pastor of Liberty Church to accept the call of Ferris Hill Church, 205 Fourth Avenue, Milton, Florida 32570. He and his family moved August 2.

Bob McKee completed six years the first of August as minister of education at Broadmoor, Jackson. Dr. David Grant, pastor.

Mrs. Martha Tupper Finch has been selected to appear in the 1974 edition of Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America. Her husband, Rev. Marcus Finch, is pastor of First Church, Richton. Both graduates of Mississippi College, they have two children, Melanie and Marc.



Leading The Student Body Association at New Orleans Seminary will be (first row, from left) Benny Olliff of Douglas, Ga., representative and welfare chairman; Jan Thorson of Mobile, publicity chairman; Hazel Winstead of Ocean Springs, secretary; Al Green of Laurel, vice-president; (second row, from left) Wallace Davis of Andalusia, Ala., president; and Ed Smith of Fayetteville, Ga., athletic chairman.

James Raymick began his service as minister of music at Parkway, Jackson, August 4.



He comes to Parkway from Parkhill Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas. He received a B. S. degree from Northeast Louisiana State College and the M.C.M. degree from Southwestern Seminary and has had post-graduate study with Niklos Benze of the University of Mississippi. He is a member of The Centurymen, the 100-voice male choir sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention. Previously he served in Mississippi as minister of music at Harrisburg, Tupelo. A native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, he is married to the former Norma Bernson of Texas. They have three children, Lori, Lana and James. The Raymicks will be living in Clinton. Dr. Bill Causey is pastor at Parkway.

Tommy Titus has been ordained to preach by Olivet Church, Gulfport. Previously licensed by Olivet, he was interim pastor at Sharon Church, Long Beach at the time of his ordination. Conehatta Church, Newton County has called him as pastor, and he has assumed his duties there. Also he is a student at Clarke College. He and his wife, Mickey, have two children, Tom and Carl.



Mr. and Mrs. L. Byron Harbin, missionaries to South Brazil, have completed furlough and arrived on the field (address: Caixa 20588, 01000 Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil.) She is a Mississippian.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Redding, missionaries to Peru, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Box 505, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37130). Before they were appointed in 1964, he was pastor of Fairview Church, Indiana.

Rev. Larry Palmer, pictured, was ordained July 21 to the gospel ministry by Good Hope Church, Winston County. Rev. R. A. Herrington brought the charge to the church and candidate. Rev. Arnold Davis preached the ordination sermon.



Mr. and Mrs. Oren C. Robison Jr., missionaries to Liberia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia). Before they were appointed in 1962, he was interim pastor of Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. Calote, missionaries to Japan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: 18-7 Kamiyama-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150, Japan).

Mr. and Mrs. Mark M. Alexander Jr., missionaries to Argentina, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Casilla 344, Mar del Plata, Argentina). She is the former Cecile Price of Corinth, Miss.

Rev. W. C. Blanton has retired from the position of superintendent of missions in Warren County, after serving for nine years. Prior to that he served as associate pastor of Bowmar Ave. Church in Vicksburg for nine years. Other pastorates were Dry Creek, Louisville, and Second Church, Russellville, Ark. Mr. Blanton is a graduate of Miss. State University with a B. S. degree in Agricultural Engineering; Mississippi College, with a major in Bible; and Southwestern Seminary. He is now living in Leake County, in the Goodhope community. His address is Route 2, Box 296A, Lena Ms. 39094. His telephone number is 645-7776. He is interested in serving churches as supply preacher, interim pastor, or leading in training schools and revivals.

The Baptist Mission of Spain (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) held its annual meeting at Denia recently, electing Joseph W. Mefford, Jr., Mississippian, as the new president. The first three days of the meeting were a spiritual retreat led by William L. Self, member of the Foreign Mission Board and pastor of the Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., according to missionary press representative Mrs. Charles W. Whitten.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton M. Moore, missionaries to Vietnam, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Baptist Mission, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96320). He is a native of Meridian.

Janet Abernathy, a Mississippian, joined the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, August 1 as a preschool consultant. Prior to going to the Sunday School Board Miss Abernathy was preschool director for First Church, Biloxi. She served in similar positions at Calvary, Jackson, and at Haverhill Church, West Palm Beach, Fla. She is a special worker for the Mississippi Sunday School and church training departments and has been on the summer faculty of the Children's Building at Ridgecrest Conference Center. Miss Abernathy was graduated from Mississippi College, and from New Orleans Seminary.

"... Men, Who Are Made After The Likeness Of God"

By Al Finch, Pastor, Woodland Hills, Jackson
James 3:9

Man receives his true worth, value and dignity from the "image of God." He was "created in the image of God." Add to this status that Jesus Christ died for all men and you have the inestimable value of every human being. Every man must be appreciated by these two facts, he was created in the image of God and Jesus Christ died for him.

An individual receives from these facts his own self-affirmation. He is unique, both uniquely created and uniquely loved. Such status leaves little room for destructive despair. There is something of God about every individual for whom God cares.

These facts predetermine our relationship to others. There is no room for condescending or patronistic behavior with any man. Our relationship is that of persons. Failure to respond to others as persons, equals, is self-destructive. Depreciation of another's worth is an indication of little self-worth.

Further, our relationship to God is involved. To declare one's self against any man created in the image of God is a declaration against God. Rightness with other persons is to predicate our ascension to the altar of sacrifice and worship.

Examine these truths in the shallow human contacts which we have each day. Do we not need to sharpen our appreciation of people with whom we share life? What does it do to the affirmation of our selfhood to be caught in a mob cursing a new neighbor on our street whose skin is different from ours?

What happens to the idea of the Christian faith, that the new man sees with Christ's eyes the antagonisms of class, race and sex, when the church selects or neglects all men in worship?

Where is God when the color of a man's skin overrides the image of God? Where is any man's "place" if Jesus died for him?

Answer these questions wisely, for the answers determine your own worth!

Hollandale Makes Plans For Lay Renewal Weekend

Hollandale Church on August 4 held a clinic in preparation for Lay Renewal Weekend. The clinic was led by Dr. Robert Hilbun, Vondelle Graham, and John Welch, all from Laurel. The Lay Renewal Weekend, to be Aug. 23-25, will involve 46 workers from all over the state. Dr. Hilbun, Mr. Graham and Sid Hughes will be charge. Friday and Saturday night services will begin at 7:30, and Sunday services at 9:45 a.m.

Magee's Creek Plans First Homecoming

Magee's Creek Church (Walthall) will have the first homecoming in the history of the church, on Aug. 18. The day will begin with Sunday School at 10 and a special speaker for the 11 a.m. worship service. Lunch will be served at the church. An

Moves To Wisconsin

Rev. William Jenkins, formerly of Yazoo City, has accepted the pastorate of Highland Crest Baptist Church of Green Bay, Wisc.

Mr. Jenkins has served pastorates at Benoit, Ms., and Utica, Ky. He is a recent graduate of Southern Seminary. Highland Crest is the only Southern Baptist Church in Green Bay, and has been instrumental in Minnesota-Wisconsin mission work sponsored by Texas Baptists since it was organized in 1958. The church recently completed its second educational unit. The Jenkins' new address will be c-o Box 3008, Green Bay, WI 54305.



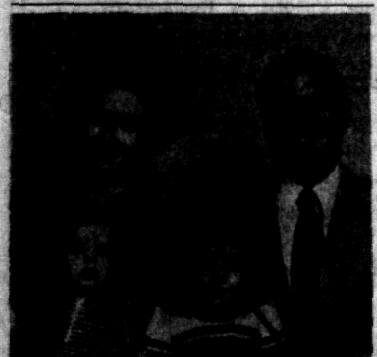
afternoon service of songs with guest singers has been planned by the church director of music, Bobby Stovall. "Everyone is invited," says Rev. Darnell Archie, pastor.

Off The Record

After sending a parcel to European relatives, a woman received a very grateful letter with this paragraph: "If you can, please send us more pills. We didn't know what they were until Cousin Lempi came — she had studied English, you know — and read the name for us. Then we gave them all to Uncle Paul who has been suffering from rheumatism and he feels much better now. He says it is the best medicine he ever took. The pills are called Life Savers."

When I was working in a Japanese church in California, I was teaching the young children about Isaac and the wells. I asked them if they knew what a well was. One little boy raised his hand to tell me. He said a well was a big fish that swallowed Jonah. —Gloria Sims, former summer missionary

"No, I do not repeat myself," the minister patiently explained to his parishioner. "You feel asleep during the 9 o'clock service and woke up during the 11 o'clock service."



First, Isola Calls Rev. Jerald Welch

Rev. Jerald Welch has assumed the pastorate of First Church, Isola, in Humphreys County. He moved there from New Zion (Walthall). Mr. Welch is pictured above with his wife, Sue; daughter, Stephanie; and son, Jerald, Jr. (Jerry), one.

Based in Leflore County, Mr. Welch graduated from Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

He is evangelist for the revival this week, August 11-16, at First, Isola. The meeting began Sunday with all-day services, singing and dinner on the grounds.

Southwestern Names

Development Director

FT. WORTH, Tex. (BP) — W. Edwin Crawford, superintendent of missions for the Waco (Tex.) Baptist Association, has been named director of development at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, effective September 1.

Crawford, a seminary trustee since 1967, will be responsible for the cultivation and involvement of the business community in the seminary's fund raising and endowment programs. He replaces Major Gen. Robert P. Taylor (U. S. Army — Ret.), who retired from the seminary post earlier this year.

A native of Temple, Tex., Crawford is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, and holds the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Revival Results

Hickory Ridge (Rankin): Joe G. Canzoneri, pastor; Ed Perrett, pastor of Poplar Springs Church near Mendenhall, evangelist; ten professions of faith, eight rededications; including three young people from other churches who came for membership; "a spirit of love, warmth and power, that blessed the whole church and community."

Pleasant Ridge near Woodland: July 28 - August 2; Rev. S. E. O'Brien of McBee, Columbus, evangelist; Rev. James Allgood of Vaughn, singer; Rev. Frank Childress, pastor; 13 professions of faith; many rededications; a "tie record" of 104 in Sunday School (only once before in nine years under Pastor Childress have there been 104 in this Sunday school); Rev. Ed McDaniel of First, Durant, preached in the spring revival, and the church has been "growing since then in every way."

South Louisville, at Louisville: July 28 - August 2; Rev. Fred Trexler, Jr., pastor; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelists; nine professions of faith; 19 total decisions.

Camp Zephyr Encampment, Mathis Texas: June 10-14; 26 decisions; nine professions of faith; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelists.

First Church, Ville Platte, La.: June 30-July 3; Rev. Leroy Elliott, pastor; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelists; 31 decisions; six professions of faith.

First Church, Gardendale, Alabama: July 13-17; Rev. Lewis Marler, pastor; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelists; 58 decisions; 13 professions of faith.

Noteburnings And Groundbreakings



SOULENOVIE CHURCH (Clarke) broke ground for a new building on May 26, their 121st anniversary which was celebrated as Homecoming Day. The old structure has been moved to a different location and work has begun. The new building will include a sanctuary, classrooms, pastor's study, baths, kitchen, and recreation room. Pictured are Jack Mercer, Bldg. Com. chm.; Rev. Parker Chancellor, pastor; J. L. Sisson, Willie Miller, Johnny Keahey, Gerald and Harmon Sanders, Building Com. and deacons. (Not pictured, Bruce Lightsey, deacon; Mrs. Harmon Sanders and Bud Sanders, Bldg. Com.) At the homecoming, the church received generous donations toward the new church. They have written letters to many but do not have addresses of others who contributed. Members wish to say, "We thank you for the gift you gave in the name of our Lord for the building of His church at Soulenovie. Souls will be won by the moving of the Holy Spirit here at Soulenovie — and you will know you had a part."



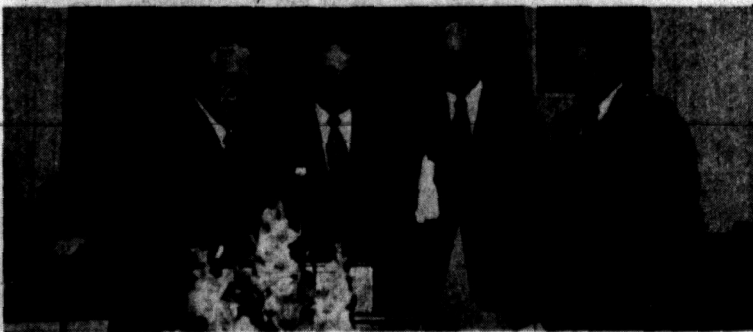
Tishomingo Chapel in Alcorn County broke ground on August 4 for an educational wing. Pictured are members of the church with the Building Committee in foreground. The church recently installed a baptistry, choir loft, and center aisle carpet. Rev. Rudy James is the pastor.



July 7 was a special day at Providence Church (Tippah). The note on their new pastor's home (top photo) was burned. Those taking part in this service (bottom photo) were Harold Ray, Murry Smith, L. C. Jones, Mrs. Virgil Allen, Roy Smith, B. R. Hopper, Clay Smith, E. G. Drewery, David Horton and Rev. Eugene Walden, pastor.



Lebanon Church at Seminary broke ground for a pastorium on June 30. Following an observance of the Lord's Supper in the morning service and a sharing of dinner on the grounds, the service took place in the afternoon. Pictured holding the shovel are Mrs. Augusta Graham, the church's oldest female member, and her nephew, Van Buren Graham, the church's oldest male member. Mrs. Iva Lott Parker, whose family gave part of the land, is also pictured. Others in the photo are Building Committee members: Elliot Smith, Larry Craft, Tom Wagnon, Rudolph Sims, and J. C. Sanford. Rev. Troy Pearson is the pastor.



NOTEBURNING: First, Eudora, in Desoto County, on Homecoming day, July 28, burned a \$25,000 note for their new educational building, seven and one half years ahead of its maturity date. Pictured r to l L. B. White, chairman of deacons, O. E. Smith and J. A. Earnheart building committee, Rev. Harold J. Bennett (pastor).